

O27
B442R
1915/16-1926/27

**THE UNIVERSITY
OF ILLINOIS
LIBRARY**

O27
B442R
1915/16-1926/27

LIBRARY
SCHOOL



4-2R✓
18/16

Thirty-Third

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Board of Directors and Librarian

of the

Belleville Public Library



Belleville, Illinois
June 1, 1916

✓

B442 R
1955 127

Thirty-Third Annual Report.

Officers of the Belleville Public Library

President

MR. J. L. AULL

Vice-President

MR. WM. A. HOUGH

Minute Secretary

MR. A. M. WOLLESON

Directors

C. W. SCHUCHARDT WM. A. HOUGH LUDWIG R. OSTERHAUS
DR. GEO. HILGARD MAX C. ECKHARDT OTTO G. NEUHAUS
E. P. LEUSCHNER J. L. AULL HENRY BAUMGARTEN

EMPLOYEES

Librarian

A. M. WOLLESON

Assistant Librarians

MISS MARY L. HALBERT

MISS BELLE STEUERNAGEL

Children's Librarian

MISS MAUD UNDERWOOD

Janitor

EDWARD SEILER

STANDING COMMITTEES

Library and Reading Room

WM. A. HOUGH

OTTO G. NEUHAUS

LUDWIG R. OSTERHAUS

Finance

MAX C. ECKHARDT

DR. GEO. HILGARD

HENRY BAUMGARTEN

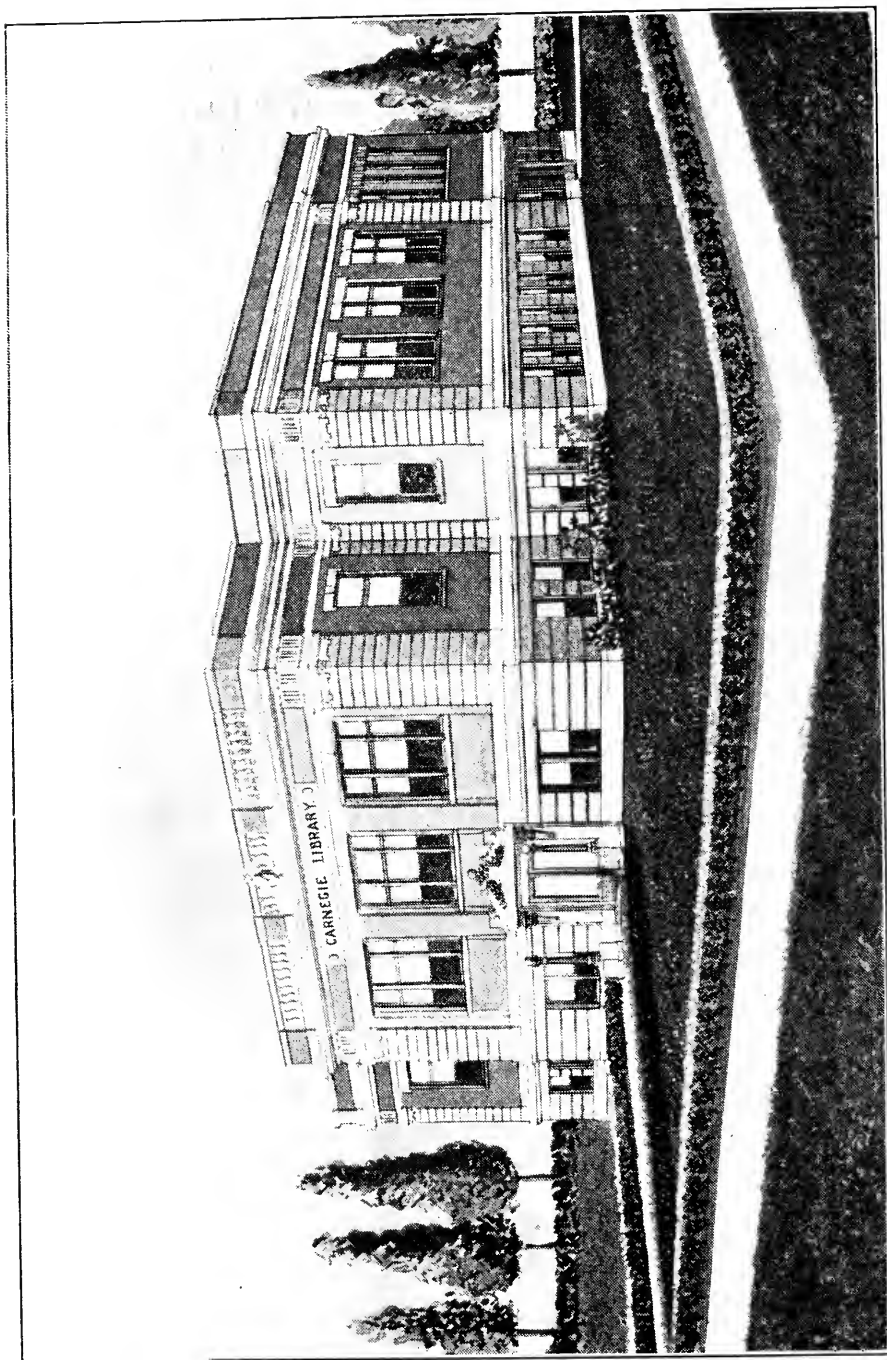
By-Laws and Regulations

E. P. LEUSCHNER

DR. GEO. HILGARD

C. W. SCHUCHARDT

640228



Report of the Board of Directors.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville, State of Illinois.

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library hereby respectfully submits its report for the year commencing June 1st, 1915, and ending May 31st, 1916.

1. FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$	1063.81
Receipts during year, Appropriation.....		4500.00
Appropriation for payment of lot.....		3400.00
Fines, rent, fees, sale of old papers, etc.....		172.82
Total.....	\$	9136.63

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	\$	2929.72
New Books		350.71
Periodicals		187.30
Newspapers		8.50
Binding		283.70
Furniture, fixtures, repairs.....		581.78
Stationery		59.69
Postage		18.52
Sundries: freight, ice, etc.....		327.90
Books replaced.....		121.33
Printing		103.55
Heating		67.02
Payment on lot, balance due.....		3259.00
Total.....	\$	8298.72

Balance in treasury to help defray expenses to end of year.....	\$	837.91
---	----	--------

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Number of books in library as per last report.....	31,113
Number of pamphlets in library as per last report.....	38,346
Net number of books since added.....	1,060
Net number of pamphlets since added.....	3,744
Total number of books now in the library.....	32,129
Total number of pamphlets now in the library.....	42,090
Number of visitors attending the library.....	71,980
Number of books and periodicals taken out during the year.....	44,574
Number of readers in the reading room.....	51,799
Number of cards issued during the year.....	946
Number of cards now in force.....	5,360
Number of supplementary school books in the library.....	4,047
Supplementary books issued during the year.....	3,952

The Board begs to submit, as a part of this report, the annual report of its librarian, marked "Exhibit B," duly verified, showing such details as are required by law.

Respectfully submitted

J. L. AULL,
President.

EXHIBIT "A"

Financial Report of the Secretary.

LIBRARY FUND

Belleville, Ill, June 1st, 1916

To the Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:

Herewith is submitted to you the 33d annual report of the finances of the Belleville Public Library. It shows in detail all the money received, and from what source, and all the money expended, and for what purpose, during the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Date	From What Source	Amount
June 1, 1915.....	To balance as per last report.....	\$ 1063.81
June 1, 1915.....	To cash—City appropriation.....	4500.00
June 1, 1915.....	To cash—City appropriation for lot.....	3400.00
June 3, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	9.61
July 2, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	8.99
July 2, 1915.....	To cash received for old periodicals.....	65.00
Aug. 4, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	7.66
Sept. 5, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	8.19
Oct. 7, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	9.30
Nov. 1, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	8.04
Dec. 1, 1915.....	To fines, etc.....	9.62
Jan. 6, 1916.....	To fines, etc.....	8.65
Feb. 3, 1916.....	To fines, etc.....	8.97
Mar. 4, 1916.....	To fines, etc.....	8.72
Apr. 4, 1916.....	To fines, etc.....	8.53
May 4, 1916.....	To fines, etc.....	11.54
	Total.....	\$ 9136.63

EXPENDITURES.

Date	No. of Voucher	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT PURPOSE	Amount
June 4.	3140	M. Ethel Huff.....	Salary for May, 1915.....	\$ 79.16
	3141	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for May, 1915.....	45.83
	3142	Bella Steuernagel.....	Salary for May, 1915.....	45.83
	3143	Mrs. L. Fletcher.....	Salary for May, 1915.....	27.50
	3144	A. C. McClurg & Co.....	Books	35.16
	3145	Lemke & Buechner.....	Books	4.39
	3146	Southw. Tel & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3147	M Ethel Huff.....	Sundries	3.32
Jul. 2...	3148	C. A. Robbins	Books	23.00
	3149	M. Ethel Huff.....	Salary for June, 1915.....	79.16
	3150	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for June, 1915.....	45.83
	3151	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for June, 1915.....	45.83
	3152	Mrs. L. Fletcher.....	Salary for June, 1915.....	27.50
	3153	A. C. McClurg & Co.....	Books	38.59
	3154	Alois A. Bauer.....	Periodicals	5.00
	3155	Southw. Tel & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3156	S. G. Adams Stamp Co.....	Stamp	1.00
	3157	M. Ethel Huff.....	Sundries	2.58
	3158	Suothw. Tel. & Tel Co.....	Phone	2.75
	Two	Theodore Karr	Balance due on lot.....	3,079.70
	3159	Engler & Son.....	Ice	1.95
	3160	Central Engraving Co.....	Stationery	13.24
	3161	Karr Supply Co.	Repairs	13.75
	3162	Frederick Woelk	Repairs .....	.50
	3163	Teufel & Kloess.....	Repairs	2.95
	3164	Joseph Wiesmann	Binding and Stationery...	10.30
Aug. 5.	3165	A. M. Wolleson.....	Sundries	3.10
	3166	M. Ethel Huff	Salary for July, 1915.....	79.16
	3167	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for July, 1915.....	50.00
	3168	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for July, 1915.....	50.00
	3169	Mrs. L. Fletcher.....	Salary for July, 1915.....	27.50
	3170	Recorder of Deeds.....	Recording Stamps & Fees	4.25
	3171	C. A. Robbins	Copy of Architects Drwgs	2.50
Sep. 2...	3172	A. M. Wolleson.....	Salary for Aug., 1915.....	100.00
	3173	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for part Aug. 1915	35.00
	3174	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Aug., 1915.....	50.00
	3175	Maud Underwood	Salary for Aug., 1915.....	12.00
	3176	Mrs. L. Fletcher.....	Salary for Aug., 1915.....	27.50
	3177	Suothw. Tel & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3178	Wolleson-Wolf Abstract Co.	Deed	2.00
	3179	Winkler & Schirmer	Stationery	2.95
	3180	A. C. McClurg & Co.....	Books	8.88
	3181	Library Bureau	Accession Book.....	14.90
	3182	Remington Typewriter Co.	Repairs	1.40
	3183	A. M. Wolleson.....	Sundries	2.48
Oct. 7...	3184	A. M. Wolleson.....	Salary for Sep., 1915.....	100.00
	3185	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for Sep., 1915.....	41.67
	3186	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Sep., 1915.....	50.00
	3187	Maude Underwood	Salary for Sep., 1915.....	12.00
	3188	Mrs. L. Fletcher.....	Sal. for Sep. & pt Oct. 1915	34.85

EXPENDITURES—Continued.

Date	No. of Vo'er	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT PURPOSE	Amount
Oct. 7...	3189	A. M. Wolleson.....	Sundries	10.56
	3190	Belleville Advocate	Advertisement	1.05
	3191	Belleville News-Democrat	Advertisement	1.20
	3192	Belleville Post & Zeitung.....	Advertisement & Printing	2.85
	3193	Engler & Son	Ice	3.05
	3194	Joseph Wiesmann	Mdse.	2.80
	3195	Stix, Baer & Fuller D.G.Co..	Books	26.63
	3196	Ward Bros.	Binding	75.00
Nov. 4...	3197	The H. H. Wilson Co.....	Reader's Guide.....	8.00
	3198	A. M. Wolleson	Salary for Oct., 1915.....	100.00
	3199	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Oct., 1915.....	50.00
	3200	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for Oct., 1915.....	50.00
	3201	Edward Seiler	Salary for Oct., 1915.....	50.40
	3202	A. M. Wolleson.....	Sundries	8.29
	3203	Stix, Baer & Fuller D. G. Co.	Books	69.09
	3204	Chas. Abend	Duster	3.00
	3205	Henry L. Rentchler	Repairs .....	.50
	3206	Southw. Tel. & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3207	Winkler & Schirmer.....	Mdse.	1.25
	3208	George Meyer	Printing	37.55
	3209	H. R. Hunting Co.....	Books	8.25
Dec. 2...	3210	Illinois Pupil Reading Crcl.	Books	72.49
	3211	National Municipal League.....	Annual Dues.....	5.00
	3212	Mississippi Vly. Hist.Assn.	Annual Dues.....	4.00
	3213	A. M. Wolleson	Salary for Nov., 1915.....	100.00
	3214	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Nov., 1915.....	50.00
	3215	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for Nov., 1915.....	50.00
	3216	Edward Seiler	Salary for Nov., 1915.....	65.00
	3217	A. M. Wolleson	Sundries	121.60
	3218	Ward Bros.	Binding	6.20
	3219	Stix, Baer & Fuller D.G.Co..	Books	29.04
	3220	Joseph Wiesmann	Mdse.	7.25
	3221	Joseph Buechler	Readers' Cards.....	13.65
	3222	Lemke & Buechner.....	German Periodicals.....	14.45
Jan. 6...	3223	Southw. Tel. & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3224	Dodd, Mead & Co.	Year Book.....	4.50
	3225	A. M. Wolleson	Salary for Dec., 1915.....	100.00
	3226	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Dec., 1915.....	50.00
	3227	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for Dec., 1915.....	50.00
	3228	Edward Seiler	Salary for Dec., 1915.....	65.00
	3229	A. M. Wolleson	Paid Laborers moving.....	64.95
	3230	A. M. Wolleson	Sundries	20.36
	3231	Stix, Baer & Fuller D.G.Co..	Books	3.33
	3232	A. L. A. Publishing Board.....	Book Lists.....	1.00
	3233	Southw. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Phone	2.75
	3234	Ward Bros.	Binding	69.10
	3235	Abend Coal Co.	Coal	12.51
Feb. 4...	3236	Moore-Cottrell Subscr. Co.....	Periodicals	131.50
	3237	Edward Seiler	Extra Work.....	10.00
	3238	A. M. Wolleson	Salary for Jan., 1916.....	100.00

EXPENDITURES—Continued.

Date	No. of Voucher	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT PURPOSE	Amount
Feb. 4.	3239	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Jan., 1916.....	50.00
	3240	Mary L. Halbert	Salary for Jan., 1916.....	50.00
	3241	Edward Seiler.....	Salary for Jan., 1916.....	65.00
	3242	Gaylord Bros.	Magazine Covers.....	1.40
	3243	The H. W. Wilson Co.....	Book Review Digest.....	5.00
	3244	German-American Hist. Sty	Dues for 1916.....	3.00
	3245	Radenmakers-Buchan Co.	Magazine Cover.....	.85
	3246	Barthel Hug & Son	Work	111.95
	3247	Jos. Saenger	Linoleum, etc.....	238.87
	3248	H. L. Rentchler.....	Extra Lights.....	48.07
	3249	Abend Coal Co.....	Coal	15.42
	3250	Chas. Keil & Son.....	Rope and Bucket.....	1.20
	3251	Abend's Store	Mdse. and Cards.....	22.30
	3252	Belleville Advocate	Printing	8.25
	3253	Morning Record	Advertising	1.05
	3254	Winkler & Schirmer	Mdse.	1.60
	3255	Christman Wallpaper Co.	Glazing	1.65
	3256	A. C. Reuss	Keys	2.50
	3257	Long & Son	Rent for 120 Chairs.....	3.00
	3258	Knapp Furniture Co.	Rent for 36 chairs & table	1.00
	3259	Western Union Tel. Co.....	Time Servic	1.00
	3260	Gust. Grossart	Flowers, Rent.....	5.00
	3261	Mrs. A. M. Scheel	Desk	10.00
	3262	Southw. Tel. & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3263	A. M. Wolleson.....	Sundries	72.28
Mar. 2.	3264	A. M. Wolleson	Salary for Feb., 1916.....	100.00
	3265	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for Feb., 1916.....	50.00
	3266	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for Feb., 1916.....	50.00
	3267	Edward Seiler	Salary for Feb., 1916.....	65.00
	3268	A. M. Wolleson	Sundries	5.25
	3269	The H. W. Wilson Co.....	2 Binders	1.70
	3270	T. B. Robertson Soap Co..	Soap	14.85
	3271	Abend Coal Co.	Coal	15.51
	3272	Southern Boiler Works.....	Ladder and Railing.....	28.72
	3273	Ward Bros.	Binding	66.94
	3274	Barthel Hug & Sons	Altering Shelves	37.54
	3275	Walter L. Rhein.....	Piano Rent.....	10.00
	3276	St. Clair Co. Gas & Elec Co.	Lamps	90.72
	3277	Southw. Tel. & Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3278	Chas. Keil & Son	Stepladder	5.70
	3279	Peter Gass Grocery Co.....	6 Mops	2.70
	3280	Joseph Wiesmann	Binding, Blank Books, etc	75.60
	3281	John Weingaertner	Graining	12.00
	3282	Fred Daab	Cement Material.....	3.10
	3283	Western Union Tel. Co.....	Time Service.....	1.00
Apr. 6.	3284	A. M. Wolleson	Salary for Mar., 1916.....	100.00
	3285	Bella Stenernagel	Salary for Mar., 1916.....	50.00
	3286	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for Mar., 1916.....	50.00
	3287	Edward Seiler	Salary for Mar., 1916.....	65.00
	3288	Abend Coal Co.	Coal	11.85

EXPENDITURES—Concluded.

Date	No. of Voter	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT PURPOSE	Amount
Apr. 6.	3289	Southw. Bell Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3290	Saenger Mercantile Co.....	Towels	2.21
	3291	Gundlach & Co.....	Team one day moving.....	4.00
	3292	Belleville Steam Laundry.....	Towel Service.....	1.25
	3293	Vogler & Drayton.....	2 Shovels	1.15
	3294	Western Union Tel. Co.....	Time Service	2.00
	3295	Belleville Specialty Sup. Co.	Janitor's Supplies	4.05
	3296	Geo. W. Knobeloch.....	Map	5.00
	3297	Abend's Store	Wastebaskets, etc.	2.00
	3298	Spencer, Turbine Clnr. Co..	Repairs	3.55
	3299	Bobbs-Merrills Co.	Book	1.00
	3300	Historical Pub. Co.....	Book	4.50
	3301	Powner's Bok Store.....	Books	5.37
	3302	A. L. Publishing Board.....	Books	1.08
	3303	Thomas Nelson & Son.....	Revision Sheets	5.00
	3304	National Hist. Society.....	Membership Dues	5.00
	3305	A. M. Wolleson.....	Sundries	11.37
	3306	Belleville News-Democrat ..	Printing	4.50
May 4.	3307	A. M. Wolleson.....	Salary for April, 1916.....	100.00
	3308	Bella Steuernagel	Salary for April, 1916.....	50.00
	3309	Mary L. Halbert.....	Salary for April, 1916.....	50.00
	3310	Edward Seiler	Salary for April, 1916.....	65.00
	3311	Abend's Coal Co.....	Coal	8.13
	3312	Hugo Moehrl	Sodding	65.00
	3313	Hucke Hardware Store.....	Mdse.	3.70
	3314	Barthel Hug	Repairs	1.05
	3315	Joseph Wiesmann	Binding, Books, etc.....	138.01
	3316	A. M. Wolleson	Sundries	6.02
	3317	Western Union Tel. Co.....	Time Service	1.00
	3318	Southw. Bell Tel. Co.....	Phone	2.75
	3319	A. L. A. Pulishing Board.....	Books	2.35
	3320	Powner's Book Store.....	Books	2.50
	3321	Library Bureau	Cards	4.50
		Total Expenditures.....	.....	\$ 8298.72

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts.....	\$ 9136.63
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 8298.72

Balance to defray part of expenses during the rest of the
year.....\$ 837.91

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. WOLLESON, Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of June, 1916.
(SEAL) E. M. JENNINGS, Notary Public.

EXHIBIT "B"

**Thirty-Third Annual Report of the Librarian
of the Belleville Public Library.**

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting to you this report of the affairs of the institution under your control during the thirty-third year of its existence I deem it proper to give a short sketch of the activities of the Board during the past few years which have resulted in the completion of the new Carnegie Library. These various acts form a long chain of events the individual links of which are scattered throughout the minutes of the meetings of the Board, while not a few of them are to be found only in letters on file in the office. It is my intention here to gather these scattered fragments and join them in proper sequence so that a convenient survey may be had of the whole.

On December 12th, 1912, Attorney Curt H. G. Heinfeldt, then a member of the Board of Directors addressed a letter to the Carnegie Corporation in New York City asking for a donation for a new library in the City of Belleville. Thus was reopened a course of correspondence on this subject which had been terminated some six years previously, when to a similar petition a definite "NO" had finally been received.

On August 11th, 1913, a letter was received from the Carnegie Corporation which contained the following:

"Responding to your communication on behalf of Belleville, Illinois, if the city agrees by resolution of council to maintain a Free Public Library at a cost of not less than Four thousand five hundred dollars a year, and provides a suitable site for the building, Carnegie Corporation of New York will be glad to give Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to erect a Free Public Library Building for Belleville."

At a special meeting of the Board held September 1913, this offer, with conditions, was accepted. On November 6th, 1913, the President of the Board, Dr. E. P. Raab, appointed the Library Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Hough, L. R. Osterhaus, and Otto W. Rubach, together with Mr. J. L. Aull, a committee to act in conjunction with a committee of the City Council to devise ways and means to meet all the conditions imposed by the Carnegie Corporation.

The City Council promptly passed an ordinance fixing the future minimum annual appropriation for the maintenance of the Public Library at Four thousand five hundred dollars. Various sites were offered in different parts of the city and at various prices. After due consideration the property of Otto and Hugo Heinemann, located at the corner of First and Jackson streets, was selected. Legal steps were taken by the Board and by the City Council

to raise the price, sixty-eight hundred dollars, in two annual special tax levies according to Section 13, of an act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to authorize cities, incorporated towns and townships to establish and maintain Free Public Libraries and Reading Rooms," approved and in force May 7th, 1872, and amendments thereto. On January 10th, 1914, the Heinemann lot was secured.

On February 5th, 1914, Mr. Otto W. Rubach, who in the mean time had resigned as a member of the Board of Directors, was appointed architect. He began immediately to draw sketches of a building designed to meet the requirements as the Board directed. It was soon apparent that the site purchased was too small for the building wanted and steps were taken to purchase the lot adjoining the site on the North. This purchase was effected during the months of March and April, 1914, and arrangements were made by which the additional outlay was paid out of the Library fund, so that no additional special tax levy was necessary.

In the meantime Mr. Rubach's sketches of the new building were submitted to the Carnegie Corporation for approval. Great pains had been taken to make the building as perfect as possible. The architect had visited many libraries and finally a committee of the Board had visited Lincoln Library at Springfield, Illinois. All the good and all the objectionable features were pointed out on these visits and carefully noted by the visitors and it was therefore confidently expected that the plans would meet with the unqualified approval of the Carnegie Corporation. Great was the disappointment, therefore, when a letter from the Corporation disapproved the plans and suggested radically different ones.

After some correspondence the President of the Board, Dr. E. P. Raab, and the architect were sent to New York to consult with the corporation manager in person. As a result of their visit Mr. Rubach was instructed to draw plans in accordance with suggestions offered by Mr. Bertram of the Carnegie Corporation.

These plans were in due time submitted to the Corporation for approval; but when that Body was emphatically assured that the original plans, slightly modified, were considered far preferable by all the members of the Board, as well as by the public of Belleville, they yielded and finally approved said original plans with a few changes in the vestibule and delivery room.

In November bids were invited and on December 23d, 1914, most of the contracts were let; the rest of the contracts were let in January, 1915. On January 5th, 1915, the Carnegie Corporation placed their money subject to the order of the Board as the work on the building should advance, and Mr. C. W. Schuchardt was appointed Treasurer of the fund.

Work on the building began March 1st, 1915, and on March 22d, 1915, the cornerstone was laid without ceremonies, only the members of the Board being present. The work of erection proceeded rapidly during the spring until a dispute arose among the Union men as to who should lay the reinforcing steel rods required for the cement flooring. This caused a strike lasting several weeks. Then work again advanced satisfactorily for a while, and it

began to look as if the Library might be opened some time in November, 1915, when suddenly one of the contracting firms notified the Board that they were unable to carry out their part of the contract. Their bonding company was notified and after several weeks of haggling another responsible firm was found willing to take over the work at the original price, so that there was no monetary loss to the Library Board; nevertheless, there was a loss of several weeks as the new firm had to be given time in which to make their preparations for the work. Now another strike occurred, caused by another dispute among the Union workmen as to who should install the steel book stacks. Owing to such annoying occurrences the building was not fully completed until the latter part of January, 1916.

As soon as practical your librarian began to move the books from the old library to the new. As the old stacks had to be installed in the new library it became necessary to clear them of books preparatory to moving them. In order to avoid much duplication of work it was so managed that the books were taken to the new library and placed on the new shelves. The tremendous task of moving and rearranging the books was done in a comparatively short time and with but little expense, and without closing the library for its usual business for more than just one single day.

On the 20th of January the Library was dedicated to its important use. The building was crowded to overflowing and the following program was enacted:

1. Instrumental Trio played by Miss Orena Farmer, violin; Mr. Hugo Neuhaus, cello; and Miss Sophie Rhein, Piano.
2. Mr. W. A. Hough acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the different speakers.
 - a. Mr. Dominic Bauer, the Contractor, presented the key to the architect.
 - b. Otto W. Rubach, the architect, presented the key to the President of the Library Board.
 - c. Mr. J. L. Aull, the President of the Library Board, delivered an address of acceptance and presented the key to the Mayor of the City of Belleville.
 - d. Mr. R. E. Duvall, the Mayor of the City of Belleville, delivered an address of acceptance.
3. Music—Vocal Solo—"The Morning Wind" Mrs. Walter Weidmann
4. AddressMr. Curt H. G. Heinfeldten
5. Violin SoloMr. Rudolph Magin
6. Address in GermanMr. L. R. Osterhaus
7. Vocal Solo—Selected.....Miss Aurelia Ludwig
8. Presentation of U. S. Flag by Miss Mary Evans, President of the Woman's Relief Corps.
9. Response to Flag Presentation.....Mr. W. A. Hough
10. EssayMaster Russell Elend of Belleville High School

In the evening a reception was held in the Library at which the ladies of the various women's clubs assisted the members of the Board serving on the

receiving line, and members of the Musical Union furnished splendid music free of charge. Several thousand citizens visited the library during the evening and the entire affair was a great success.

Thus was brought to a successful close the arduous task imposed upon your Honorable Board. There were held forty-two meetings of the Board, besides innumerable committee meetings, in many of which matters of great import were discussed and settled. Every member of the Board gave his time and energy freely for the good of the cause, and guarded with care the interests of the public. Often a firm stand had to be taken by each individual member in order to thwart attempts made to deceive them and defraud the public. The only reward received by you is the consciousness of having performed your duty faithfully and well. It is to be hoped that the people of Belleville will properly appreciate services rendered by bestowing honor and praise thus earned, thereby encouraging other public servants, placed in like circumstances, to perform their duty in a like conscientious manner.

On July 1st, 1915, your former Librarian, Miss Ethel M. Huff, sent in her resignation, requesting that she be relieved on August 1st, 1915, as her impaired health would not permit her to remain with you any longer. At a special meeting held July 8th, 1915, the writer was appointed Librarian in her place with Miss Mary L. Halbert and Miss Bella Steuernagel as his assistants. The work imposed on these employees has been, I venture to say, efficiently performed.

The patronage has increased greatly since the new library was opened, and it became necessary to rearrange the hours of work of the assistants in order to serve the public satisfactorily during the busy hours of the day. In August, 1915, the time of opening the Library was changed from 10 a. m. to 9 a. m. as it had been previous to 1909, and this change has met with universal approval.

The children's room is well patronized, but for several years it has been without proper supervision. This feature of the Library was inaugurated in the year 1906 upon my recommendation, I being Librarian at that time. But I was convinced then, as I am now more than ever, that the children assembled in the library should be under constant and immediate supervision. If this can not be done, their own homes would be far better places for them than the library. The parents have the right to expect that if their children are invited to come to the reading room provided for them at the Library, and accepting that invitation they go there, that they then go to a good place where they can be trusted to do the right thing. Acting upon my suggestion the Board in 1906, when the children's room was established, also employed an additional assistant who was made the children's librarian. Under her supervision and guidance the children were taught to select good books and to employ the time spent in the Library in the most profitable way.

I am of the opinion that a great mistake was made when in the year 1909, after my resignation, the position of children's librarian was abolished and the children's reading room retained without supervision.

Had both been abolished it would not have been so bad, for then the children would have visited the library simply for the purpose of exchanging books, after which they would have returned to their homes. But what was the result of the change inaugurated? The children were left in a room to themselves, or at best with only partial supervision. Naturally they often had what they termed a good time. While no complaints concerning this arrangement ever came from the children, yet I am convinced that those who have the moral and intellectual welfare of the children at heart should have complained long ago.

This conviction prompted me to lay the matter before you a short time ago and I am glad that you agreed with me and took steps to provide for a children's librarian for the coming year.

Your library is a depository for United States public documents. Hundreds of these valuable and useful documents are received annually from the Superintendent of Documents at Washington, and they should be immediately placed in their proper places on the shelves. For several years the old library had no shelves on which to place them and they were put in heaps on the floors in unorganized masses. When moving into the new building they were put temporarily anywhere with the intention of going over them to rearrange the whole lot as soon as possible when room should have been provided. This important work has scarcely been begun so far. It is a task which will require much hard and patient labor and cannot be completed with the present small force of assistants for several years to come.

It must be remembered that the Librarian has to accession and catalog all the books received at the library. Those who are familiar with that kind of work well know that it requires much careful work. This, together with all the routine work and general management of the library, takes up about every minute of time. It leaves scarcely any time for reading and selection of new books. That important duty is performed at odd moments during the early morning hours or late in the evening. This is your Librarian's excuse when he confesses that only a slight beginning has been made in putting the great mass of public documents into proper order.

A start has been made on the important work of renumbering the books according to the Dewey-Decimal system, a system that is well and favorably known among all library people. At the same time all the books in the children's department are to be closely classified so that it can be shown just what kind of books our children are reading. Heretofore all juvenile books were put indiscriminately into one class known as Class 8 J. without any regard as to whether a book related to history, biography, geography, science, art, or whether it was simply a story book (fiction). All books accessioned during the year have been thus classified and numbered, but no time has been found for renumbering any considerably number of the old books.

Another big job awaiting us is the preparation for the press of a callist. or simple catalogue of the books in the library, for our patrons, but it can not well be done until the reclassification and renumbering above referred to has been completed. The work I have thus planned is enough to employ sev-

eral persons steadily for several years. I am alone, trying to do my best; if progress is slow, you will know the reason why.

Permission has been obtained from several of our manufacturers to send out in their pay-envelopes a circular letter addressed to the working people of the city, in which the advantages of the library are set out and in which they are urged to become regular customers of the institution. In this way it is hoped that these classes will become more familiar with the Library and that the blessings accruing from its use will reach hundreds of homes never reached before.

On certain days of the week the assistants are busy mending books. If a book is only partially worn out it can in most cases be mended in the library and large sums of money saved for other purposes. No record was kept of the work thus done this year, but record will be kept regularly hereafter. The regular story hour has been continued during the year. It is held every Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

When the new Township High School is finished and opened for the purposes for which it was designed, there will be within its walls a well equipped reference library. I would suggest that steps be taken to unite our efforts with those of the Township High School Board of Education to the end that a branch of the Public Library be established in the High School. The location is just right for a branch library and I predict that such an innovation would prove not only extremely popular, but of the greatest value. Just how to do this will be a matter for careful consideration when the proper time approaches.

From the above you will notice that a great deal of work has been planned. Whether it can be carried out, and how soon it can be carried out, will depend on the liberality of the City Council and of the citizens of Belleville. You now possess a beautiful building; its possession has advertised Belleville throughout the country. In library circles throughout the state all eyes are fixed upon this library. It behooves us to live up to the high standards set by the best libraries in the country. To do this we must make long strides forward. If we do not, we should never have accepted Mr. Carnegie's noble gift. I do not for a moment doubt that the money necessary for carrying out the plans pointed out above will be forthcoming when our people are taken into our confidence and fully understand our needs and purposes. They have shown themselves willing to contribute liberally along other lines, and I am certain that they will not refuse to give your Honorable Board funds that you can prove to them are necessary for maintaining your noble institution in a manner becoming the dignity of the city.

In my statistical statement hereto attached are the names of many citizens who kindly donated books and pictures during the year. Many of these gifts were beautiful and valuable and my appreciation is hereby expressed. Some of the donors who did not happen to have books suitable for presentation presented money with which to buy new books. This shows, indeed, a spirit indicative of a laudable appreciation of the high mission of the library well worthy of emulation.

In conclusion I thank you all for your kind co-operation and support in

all my undertakings. It is, indeed, a pleasure to know that your confidence in me is such that you stand ever ready to assist me in my work; it makes my labors easy. I also wish to express to my assistants and to the janitor my appreciation of the good understanding existing between us, and of the willingness they have always shown to do extra work whenever necessary, and of the care they have always exhibited in handling public property.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. WOLLESON, Librarian.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

1.—June 1st, 1915.—Total number of books and periodicals in the library		69,459
2.—Withdrawn and deducted:		
Pamphlets bound during the year	201	
Books lost	1	
Books worn out and destroyed	202	
Books taken from circulation	20	424
		<hr/>
Leaving		69,035
3.—Added during the year:		
(a) Books:		
By purchase to replace old ones	189	
By purchase, new additions	351	
By donation, 288 Engl., 182 Germ.	470	
By binding	33	
By public documents	196	1,239
(b) Pamphlets:		
By purchase	1,482	
By donation, as shown at No. 14	231	
By donation, as shown at No. 15.....	563	
By donation, public documents	1,669	3,945
		<hr/>
Total books and pamphlets		74,219
June 1st, 1916. Summary of books and pamphlets:		
Books generally	21,533	
Public documents	9,282	
Duplicates	1,314	
		<hr/>
Total number of books		32,129
Pamphlets generally	26,427	
Pamphlets, public documents	13,770	
Pamphlets set aside	1,893	
		<hr/>
Total number of pamphlets		42,090
		<hr/>
Grand total number as above		74,219

4.—Number of books lost	1
5.—Number of catalogues sold	0
6.—Number of books replaced	189
7.—Number of duplicates set aside—books	33
Number of duplicates set aside—pamphlets	1,281
8.—Number of books rebound	471
9.—Number of books loaned out and the general character of the same:	
Adult science	1,944 being 4.76 per cent
Adult history	1,166 being 2.85 per cent
Adult literature	2,714 being 6.65 per cent
Adult fiction	19,393 being 47.74 per cent
Children's books, all classes	15,425 being 38.00 per cent
Total	40,642 being 100 per cent
School supplementary books	3,932
Grand total	44,574
The same grouped according to languages:	
English books	41,989
German books	2,571
Books in other languages	14
Total	44,574
Largest daily circulation 303; smallest 69; average 145; Number of days open for circulation during year 308.	
10.—Number of readers in the reading rooms	51,799
11.—Number of visitors	71,980
12.—Registration:	
Number of borrowers registered last report	10,845
Number of borrowers registered during year	613
Number of borrowers' cards cancelled	6,431
Number of borrowers' cards re-registered	333
Number of borrowers' cards in force	5,360
13.—Number of periodicals and newspapers in the reading rooms:	
(a) Periodicals:	
Semi-monthlies	English 3 German 1 Total 4
Quarterlies	11 1 12
Monthlies	46 3 49
Weeklies	32 0 32
Total	92 5 97

(b) Newspapers:

Dailies	6	4	10
Weeklies	2	1	3
Total	8	5	13
Grand total	100	10	110

14.—List of donors of books and periodicals:

(a) Individuals.

	Books	Pamphlets
Andel, Coleman		1
Anderson, J. R.	1	
Andrea, Percy	1	
Anon	8	17
Aull, Jacob L.	2	
Baer, Mrs. Aaron	13	
Bahrenburg, Mrs. Carrie A.	16	
Barton, Mrs. Ada	2	
Bechtold, Dr. L. J.	10	
Berger, A.	5	
Butler Bros.		1
Caproni & Bros.	1	
Carey	1	
Chase, W. E.	1	
Detharding, George W.		2 pictures
Duval, Mr. R. E.		1 picture
Duval, Mrs. R. E.		1 picture
Ebsen, C. L.	1	
Eidmann, F. C.	1	
Eimer, Mrs. Charles	3	
Frank, Henry	1	
Friess, Mrs. Otto	1	
Ganter, Alexander		1
Graham, Wm. J.		1
Grob, Mrs. Walter	1	
Gross, Arthur R.		1
Grossart, G. A.	6	
Gunn, Margaret	1	
Halbert, Mary L.	1	
Halbert, Wm. U.	2	
Hartmann, Bernhard	2	
Harris, Frank	1	
Heinfeldten, Mrs. L.	6	
Herriott, F. G.		1
Hilgard, Dr. George E.	25	
Hilgard, Mrs. George E.	1	
Hock, Frank—Estate	58	

14.—List of donors of books and periodicals:

(a) Individuals.

	Books	Pamphlets
Houck, Louis	1	
Hough, W. A.	1	1
Huff, Wm.	2	
Hyde, Samuel, P.		1
Kircher, Harry B.	8	
Kircher, Wm. F.		17
Kohl, Emil J.	1	
Kohl, Mrs. Walter	1	
Kraus, Edgar	6	
Kueffner, Mrs. Elise	1	
Lorey, Johanna T.	2	
Lynch, Fred	1	
McAdoo, W. G.		1
Maher, Stephen J.		3
Mercer, Rev. Sam, A. B.	1	
Mueller, W. P.	3	
Niemeyer, Louisa	1	
Ohms, Mrs. John C.	18	
Pennell, Daisy	23	
Pannier, Bertha	30	
Parker, Sir Gilbert	9	27
Payne, Andrew	1	
Payne, Carolyn	1	
Perrin, J. Nick	6	
Pithan, Lisa		1 picture
Portuondo, Mrs. Josephine	1	
Powell, Mrs. Emma	7	
Quinn, Rev. don Daniel	1	
Raab, Agnes	11	
Reiss, Anna D.	1	
Rentchler, Mrs. James W.	1	
Rhein, Sophia	1	
Rittenhouse, Mrs. Sarah A.	1	
Saenger, Belle	1	
Saenger, Emma	2	
Saenger, Meta	1	
Schmidt, H. G.	1	
Schuchardt, C. W.	1	
Stevens, Geo. H.		1
Stoelzle, Theodore	1	
Thebus, Alfred	1	
Thurston, L. A.		1
Towers, Alois	2	
Turner, Mrs. L. D.	10	

14.—List of donors of books and periodicals:

(a) Individuals.		Books	Pamphlets
Waxweiler, Emile	1		
Weber, Oscar F.	1		1
Wiesmann, Joseph	8		
Willoughby, Mrs. James A.	21		
Wolleson, A. M.	2		2
Yocks, John	8		
Total.....		374	5 78
(b) Institutions.			
American Ass'n. International Conciliation			3
American Jews Committee	1		
American Portland Cement Co.			9
Atlas Cement Co.	1		
Carnegie Endowment International Peace	2		19
Carnegie Hero Fund			1
Chicago Public Library			1
Cleveland Public Library			1
Domestic Science Association	1		
Drama League of America	1		
Fatherland			1
General Education Board			1
Grand Rapids Public Library			1
Hartford Public Library			1
Hispanic Society of America			2
Illinois, State of			7
Illinois State Board Administration			6
Illinois State Board Health			13
Illinois State Board Utilities Com.			1
Illinois State Hist. Library	4		
Illinois State Laboratory Nat. Hist			1
Imperial German Foreign Office			1
International Irrigation Congress			1
Jacksonville Public Library			1
Jas. Millikin University			1
Japan Society	2		1
Jersey City Free Public Library			4
John Crerar Library			1
Joliet Public Library			4
Lake Mohonk Conference			1
Longmans, Green & Co.	1		
Louisville Free Public Library			2
Milwaukee, City of			1
National Child Labor Comm'r			5

14.—List of donors of books and periodicals:

(b) Institutions.	Books	Pamphlets
National City Bank, N. Y.	1	1
National Educational Association		4
National Park Seminary	1	
New York State Chamber Commerce		1
New York Public Library		11
New York Stock Exchange	1	
Omaha Public Library		1
O. E. Library		12
Petersburgh Men's Club		1
Riverside Library Service School		1
Rockefeller Foundation	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library		1
St. Louis News Company	2	
St. Louis Public Library		12
Scranton, Pa., City of		1
Springfield, Ill., Lincoln Library		2
Tuesday Art Club		1 Picture
United States, Supt. of Documents.....	196	1669
University of Illinois		3
U. I. Agricultural Experiment Station		3
U. S. Brewers' Association	1	
Universal Portland Cement Co.	1	
Warner E. E. Mfg. Co.		1
Washburn-Crosby Co.	1	
Wholesale L. D. Association of America	1	
Women's Christian Temperance Union	1	
World Peace Foundation		7
Total by Institutions	220	1 1822
Total by Individuals	374	5 78
Total a and b	594	6 1900

15—List of Donors of Periodicals and Newspapers:

a) Periodicals.

Donors	Titles	Published at	Issued
Woman's League.....	American Patriot	Westerville, O.	Monthly
C. W. Schuchardt.....	American Machinist	New York	Weekly
A. M. Wolleson.....	Army & Navy Journal	New York	Weekly
Mary L. Halbert.....	Assembly Herald	Lebanon, Pa.	Monthly
F. B. Merrills.....	Odd Fellows' Herald.....	Springfield, Ill.	Monthly
Band C. Scientists.....	Christian Science Sentinel.....	Boston, Mass.	Weekly
“	Christian Science Journal.....	Boston, Mass.	Monthly
Epworth League.....	Epworth Herald	Chicago, Ill.	Weekly
Band C. Scientists.....	Herold Christian Science.....	Boston, Mass.	Monthly
Martha Fischer.....	Musical America	New York	Weekly
United States.....	Official Gazette	Washington, D. C.	Weekly
W. F. Kircher.....	Student Life	St. Louis, Mo.	Weekly
Mrs. C. A. Bahrenburg	Suffragist	Washington, D. C.	Weekly
Publishers	Chicago Banker	Chicago, Ill.	Weekly
“	Gospel Trumpet	Anderson, Ind.	Weekly
“	Union Signal	Evanston, Ill.	Weekly
“	U. M. Workers Journal.....	Indianapolis, Ind. ..	Weekly
“	Commoner	Lincoln, Neb.	Monthly
“	National Farmer.....	St. Louis, Mo.	Monthly
“	Review of Religions	Quadian, India	Monthly
“	Theosophical Path	Pt. Loma, Cal.	Monthly
“	Theosophical Quarterly	New York	Quart'ly

b) Newspapers.

Publishers	American Issues	Westerville, O.	Weekly
“	Messenger	Belleville, Ill.	Weekly
“	Daily News Democrat.....	Belleville, Ill.	Daily
“	Belleville Advocate	Belleville, Ill.	“
“	Morning Record	Belleville, Ill.	“
“	Belleville Post & Zeitung.....	Belleville, Ill.	“
“	Amerika	St. Louis, Mo.	“
“	Westiche Post	St. Louis, Mo.	“
“	Illinois Staats-Zeitung	Chicago, Ill.	“
“	East St. Louis Journal.....	E. St. Louis, Ill.	“
“	New Athens Journal.....	New Athens, Ill.	Weekly
“	Caseyville & Edgemont News....	Caseyville, Ill.	Weekly
“	Cincinnati Volksblatt.....	Cincinnati, O.	“
Band Christian Scientists	Christian Science Monitor	Boston, Mass.	Daily

16—List of Periodicals and Newspapers purchased.

QUARTERLIES (English)

Annals of Political and Social Science.
Edinburg Review
German American Annals.
Journal of American History.
Mississippi Valley Historical Review.
National Municipal Review.
Social Hygiene
Quarterly Review.
Temperance Educational Quarterly.

GERMAN.

Blaetter fuer Volksbibliotheken und
Lesehallen.

MONTHLIES (English)

A. L. A. Booklist.
American.
American Boy.
Architectural Record.
Atlantic.
Blackwoods.
Bookman.
Book Review Digest.
Century Magazine.
Contemporary Review.
Countryside Review.
Current Opinion.
Educational Foundations.
Educational Review
Etude.
Fortnightly Review.
Forum.
Harpers.
Illinois Agriculturist.
Illustrated World.
International Studio.
Ladies' Home Journal.
La Follette's.
National Geographic Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Popular Science Monthly.
Public Libraries.

Reader's Guide.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific Monthly.
Scribner's.
Technical World.
Theatre.
Woman's Home Companion.
World' Work.

(GERMAN)

Paedagogische Monatshefte.
Ueber Land und Meer.
Westermann's Monatshefte.

WEEKLIES (English)

Coal Age.
Collier's.
Fatherland.
Harper's Weekly.
Independent.
Leslies.
Life.
Literary Digest.
Nation.
New Republic.
Outlook.
Power.
Public.
Saturday Evening Post.
Scientific American.
Survey.
World War.
Youth's Companion.

SEMI-MONTHLIES (English)

Dial.
Mentor.
Practical Engineer.

(GERMAN)

Gartenlaube.

NEWSPAPERS

Globe-Democrat.
Chicago Herald.

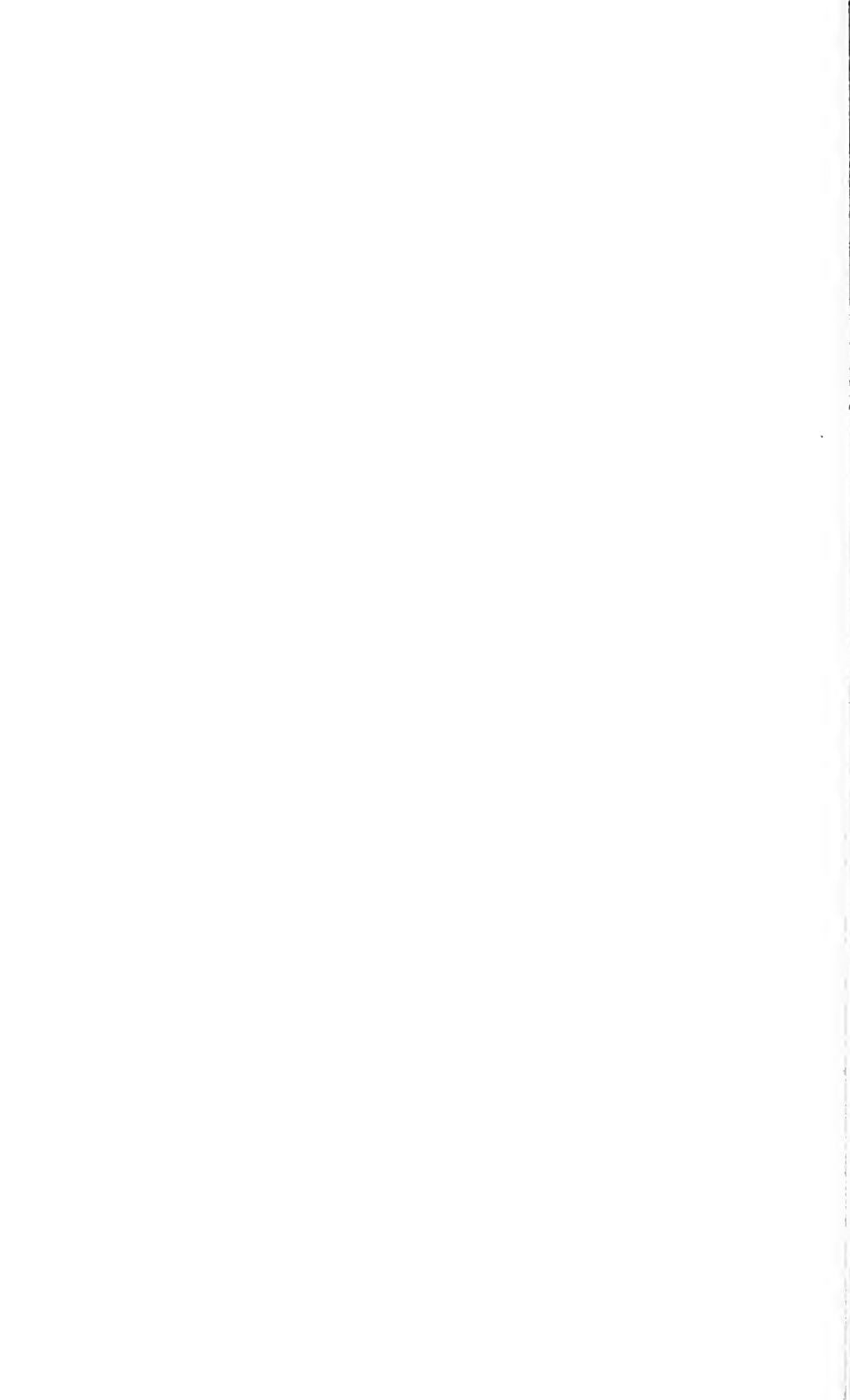
17.—Table showing number of books catalogued according to classes and languages.

CLASSES	Withdrawn	As per last Report	Added during Year	English	German	French	Greek	Latin	Hebrew	Russian	Spanish	Italian	Total
1-2. Philosophy & Religion	1	548	41	326	262								588
3. Sociology	2	870	71	732	207								939
3E. Education	1	364	44	267	140								407
3S. Belleville Schools.....		37		37									37
4. Philology		133	26	84	75								159
5. Natural Sciences.....	1	811	22	465	367								832
6. Useful Arts		381	63	274	170								444
7. Fine Arts.....	3	322	42	226	135								361
8L. Literature	20	1697	66	806	937								1743
8F. Fiction	56	5713	187	3161	2683								5844
8J. Juveniles	119	2857	233	2524	446	1							2971
9H. History	2	1382	64	822	622								1444
9G. Geography & Travel....	1	862	61	501	421								922
9Bi. Biography & Memoirs	1	1442	28	833	636								1469
9M. Maps		64		46	13	3		2					64
10. General Works.....													
10-1. Bibliography		59		54	5								59
10-2. Library Economy.....		29		27	2								29
10-3. Reference Works.....		437	15	368	81			3					452
10-4. Rare Books		30		1	16			12			1		30
10-5. Old Newspapers.....		377		61	316								377
10-9. Periodicals continued	22	1927	50	1421	534								1955
10-10. Periodicals not con.		283	29	108	204								312
French Books.....		180	1			181							181
Greek Books		94					94						94
Latin Books.....		170						170					170
Hebrew Books		19							19				19
Russian Books.....		1								1			1
Spanish Books		7									7		7
	229	21096	1043	13144	8272	185	94	187	19	1	7	1	21910

Thirty-fourth Annual Report
of the
BELLEVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
of
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Comprising the Annual Reports *of the*
Board of Directors and the Librarian

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1917



Board of Directors

			Term Expires
C. W. Schuchardt	-	-	1918
Henry Baumgarten	-	-	1918
P. K. Johnson	-	-	1918
W. A. Hough	-	-	1919
L. R. Osterhaus	-	-	1919
Max C. Eckhardt	-	-	1919
Oscar F. Weber	-	-	1920
E. P. Leuschner	-	-	1920
Otto G. Neuhaus	-	-	1920

Officers

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	C. W. Schuchardt
Minute Secretary	A. M. Wolleson

Standing Committees

Library and Reading Room

Messrs. Osterhaus, Neuhaus, Schuchardt

Finance

Messrs. Eckhardt, Johnson, Baumgarten

By-Laws and Regulations

Messrs. Leuschner, Weber, Eckhardt


Library Staff

Librarian	A. M. Wolleson
Assistant Librarian	Miss Mary L. Halbert
Assistant Librarian	Miss Bella Steuernagel
Children's Librarian	Miss Maude Underwood

Janitor

Edward Seiler

Report of the Board of Directors

 *O the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville, State of Illinois:*

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library hereby respectfully submits its report for the year commencing June 1st, 1916, and ending May 31st, 1917.

I. Financial.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in treasury on May 31st, 1916, as per last report	\$ 837.91
Receipts during the year: appropriation	6,000.00
Fines, fees, sale of old paper and linoleum	175.45
Total receipts	\$7,013.36

EXPENDITURES:

Light; lamps	\$ 53.78
Heat	92.57
Repairs	189.12
Furniture and fixtures	93.35
Salaries	2,764.00
Janitor's service	809.65
New Books	447.96
New Books to replace worn-out copies	247.94
Periodicals	204.10
Binding	335.80
Printing	56.35
Stationery and catalog supplies	186.09
Postage, freight and drayage	27.75
Miscellaneous	108.80
Total expenditures	5,617.26
Balance in treasury, May 31, 1917	1,396.10
	\$7,013.36

Report of the Board of Directors

2. Library Statistics.

Number of books in library as per last report	32,129
Number of pamphlets in the library as per last report	12,090
Number of books since added	1307
Number of books since withdrawn	230 net gain
1,077	
Number of pamphlets since added	3780
Number of pamphlets withdrawn	2368 net gain
1,412	
Total number of books now in the library	33,206
Total number of pamphlets now in library	43,502
Number of visitors to the library	73,692
Number of readers in the reading rooms	52,410
Number of cards issued during the year	892
Number of cards now in force	5,930
Number of supplementary school books now in library	4481
Supplementary books used during the year	5052

The Board begs to submit, as a part of this report, the annual report of its librarian, marked "Exhibit B", duly verified, showing such details as are required by law.

W. A. HOUGH,
Vice-President.


Financial Report of the Librarian

EXHIBIT "A".

Financial Report of the Secretary.

LIBRARY FUND.

Belleville, Illinois, June 1st, 1917.

 **BOARD** of Directors of the Belleville Public Library, Gentlemen:—
Herewith is submitted to you the 34th annual report of the finances of the Belleville Public Library. It shows in detail all the money received, and from what source; and all the money expended, and for what purpose, during the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1917.

Receipts

Date.	From what source.	Amount.
1916		
June 1	To balance as per last report	\$ 837.91
June 1	To cash; city appropriation	6,000.00
June 1	To cash; fines, etc.	8.52
July 1	To cash; fines, etc.	38.61
Aug. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	9.86
Sept. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	8.12
Oct. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	10.54
Nov. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	10.49
Dec. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	13.28
1917		
Jan. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	11.83
Jan. 4	To cash received for linoleum	27.00
Feb. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	10.25
Mar. 1	To cash; fines, etc.	6.70
Feb. 1	To cash received for pump	2.00
April 1	To cash; fines, etc.	6.77
May 1	To cash; fines, etc.	11.48
	Total receipts	\$7,013.36

Financial Report of the Secretary.

Expenditures

June 1	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for May	100.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for May	50.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for May	50.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for May	50.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for May	65.00
	Barthel Hug & Sons, Kindling wood	1.15
	Wm. Hellingrath, Repairing clock	1.50
	Winkler & Schirmer, Sundries	5.40
	Karr Supply Co., Sundries	23.80
	Gust W. Grossart, Shrubs and trees	18.00
	Peters & Schnipper, Lawn mower	8.75
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	3.57
	Buechler Printing Co., Printing	8.50
July 6	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for June	100.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for June	50.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for June	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for June	14.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for June	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	8.12
	Jos. Wiesmann, Binding books and merchandise	176.02
	Fellner & Ratheim, Shades, etc.	43.83
	Barthel Hug & Sons, Repairs	20.15
	Seibert & Herber Implement Co., Hose reel	1.50
	Winkler & Schirmer, Paper	1.00
	Peter Gass Grocery Co., Mops	2.75
	Southw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	5.50
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	2.00
	Central Petroleum Co., Metal polish	1.00
	Leonard Scott Publ. Co., Index	2.00
	DeWolfe & Fisk Co., Books	15.80
Aug. 3	Mrs. G. A. Samstag, Books	6.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for July	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for July	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for July, in part	26.67
	Maude Underwood, Salary for July	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for July	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	11.15
	Jos. Wiesmann, Books and binding	65.11
	Ward Brothers, Binding	63.98
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00
	Hilfsverein D. Frauen, World war	2.60

Financial Report of the Secretary.

	Miss. Valley Hist. Ass'n, Dues	4.00
	Higgin Mfg. Co., Four screens	17.00
	Southw. Bell Tel. Co., Service	2.75
Sept. 7	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for August	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for August	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for August	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for August	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for August	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	3.33
	H. W. Wilson Co., Books	47.99
	Gaylord Brothers, Supplies	6.80
	Belleville Post & Zeitung, Printing	30.00
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00
	Monk Implement Co., Pump	2.70
	Charles Abend, Water cooler	10.00
Oct. 5	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for Sept.	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for Sept.	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for Sept.	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for Sept.	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for Sept.	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	5.21
	Joseph Wiesmann, Merchandise	22.25
	Abend Coal Co., Coal	4.54
	A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	86.63
	H. R. Huntting Co., Books	3.10
	Library Bureau, Catalog supplies	14.12
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time serviice	1.00
	D. A. R. Magazine Co., Periodical	1.00
	Coal Age Co., Periodical	3.00
	Congressional Library, Card deposit	25.00
Nov. 2	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for Oct.	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for Oct.	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for Oct.	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for Oct.	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for Oct.	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	20.72
	Jos. Wiesmann, Books and binding	51.38
	Library Bureau, Cards	16.00
	Karr Supply Co., Repairs	4.10
	Moore-Cottrell Subscr. Co., Periodicals	2.75
	Winkler & Schirmer, Merchandise	1.00
	Sw. Bell Tel. Co., Service	2.75
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00

Financial Report of the Secretary.

Dec. 7	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for Nov.	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for Nov.	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for Nov.	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for Nov.	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for Nov.	65.00
	Tower Grove Coal Co., Coal	13.16
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	3.21
	Barthel Hug & Sons, Repairs	3.00
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00
	Southw. Bell Tel. Co., Service	2.75
	National Historical Society, Dues	2.00
	A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	19.84
	Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agency, Periodicals	124.80
	W. E. Way, Door check	6.50
	A. L. A. Publ. Board, Book lists	1.00
	N. E. A., Dues	2.00
	Thos. Nelson & Sons, Revision pages	5.00
	C. A. Robbins, Photographs	6.60
1917		
Jan. 4	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for Dec.	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for Dec.	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for Dec.	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for Dec.	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for Dec.	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	16.65
	Tower Grove Coal Co., Coal	17.18
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00
	City Street Dept., Sewer constructed	109.41
	Hy. L. Rentchler, Lamps	53.78
	Val. Hirth, Printing	3.10
	Engler & Son, Ice for the season	12.80
	Jos. Wiesmann. Books, binding, etc.	42.60
	Dodd, Mead & Co., Books	4.50
	Archaeological Inst. of Am., Dues	3.00
	University of Chicago, Periodical	3.00
	Baseball Magazine Co., Periodical	1.25
	H. W. Wilson Co., Periodicals	11.50
	Belleville Advocate, Printing	9.00
Feb. 1	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for January	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for Jan.	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for Jan.	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for Jan.	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for Jan.	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	8.90

Financial Report of the Secretary.

	National Municipal League, Dues	5.00
	Porter E. Sargent, Book	1.60
	Library Bureau, Cards	17.25
	Barrett Bindery, Magazine binders	6.67
	H. W. Wilson Co., Binding	1.70
	International Textbook Co., Books	22.40
	Charles Scribner's Sons, Books	17.50
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	Val. Hirth, Printing	5.75
	Bergmann & Lutz, Repairs	13.55
	Winkler & Schirmer, Merchandise	2.35
	Belleville Post & Zeitung, Printing	4.50
	Tower Grove Coal Co., Coal	26.17
	Jos. Wiesmann, Binding and books	71.13
	American Library Ass'n, Dues	5.00
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00
	Geo. Hirth, Plumbing	8.45
	Mr. Schroeder, Janitor's supplies	2.00
Mar. 1	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for Feb.	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for Feb.	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for Feb.	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for Feb.	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for Feb.	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	7.67
	Tower Grove Coal Co., Coal	19.81
	Joseph Wiesmann, Binding	38.35
	Geo. Fischer, Metal polish	1.30
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	1.00
	German-American Hist. Society, Dues	3.00
	Library Bureau, Cards	2.14
	A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	44.83
April 5	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for March	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for March	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for March	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for March	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for March	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	14.11
	Joseph Wiesmann, Books, etc.	38.29
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	West'n Union Tel. Co., Time service	9.00
	Karr Supply Co., Repairs	1.75
	Gaylord Brothers, Repair material	15.68
	H. W. Wilson Co., Books	27.77
	A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	29.97
	The Macmillan Co., Book	1.08

Financial Report of the Secretary.

	Associated Ad. Club, Book	1.80
	A. W. Shaw Co., System for two years	4.00
	Drama League of America, Dues, etc.	2.25
	University of Chicago, Periodical	1.50
May 3	A. M. Wolleson, Salary for April	100.00
	Mary L. Halbert, Salary for April	50.00
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary for April	50.00
	Maude Underwood, Salary for April	35.00
	Edward Seiler, Salary for April	65.00
	A. M. Wolleson, Sundries	5.15
	Barthel Hug & Sons, Repairs	2.10
	Tower Grove Coal Co., Coal	4.71
	Sw. Bell Telephone Co., Service	2.75
	Putnam's Sons, Book	1.75
	H. W. Wilson Co., Book	6.00
	A. C. McClurg & Co., Books	1.23
	Gaylord Brothers, Book pockets	35.70
	Ward Brothers, Binding	52.80
	A. W. Shaw Co., Periodical	2.00
	Library Bureau, Cards	17.25
	Henry Malkan, Books	68.17
	Bella Steuernagel, Salary due for July, 1916	23.33
	Total	<u>\$5,617.26</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	\$7,013.36
Total expenditures	<u>5,617.26</u>
Balance to defray part of expenses during the rest of the year 1917	\$1,396.10

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. WOLLESON, Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of
June, 1917.

[Seal.]


HERBERT H. WOLLESON,

Notary Public.

Report of the Librarian

EXHIBIT "B".

Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Librarian of the Belleville Public Library.

 *BOARD of Directors of the Belleville Public Library, Gentlemen:—*

The present report covers the period between June 1st, 1916, and May 31st, 1917.

The annual statement attached hereto shows that the institution under your charge has made a steady advancement. Attention is called to this not in a spirit of boasting, but as an expression of pleasure at the appreciation exhibited by the public of work faithfully performed under adverse circumstances. By adverse circumstances I allude to the meagre sum available for the purchase of new books and to the further fact that all sorts of other attractions were in the field competing with us and endeavoring to lure people away from the library.

The Children's Department

The young people have during the past year received special attention, and it is with pleasure that I can say that their department is now excellent. They all understand that they are invited to the library for serious work, and they act accordingly. The books in this department have now been classified, renumbered and catalogued according to the Dewey-Decimal system. The children have become familiar with this system and appreciate highly the ease with which they can find the books they desire.

Report of the Librarian.

The Schools and the Library

A closer connection between the schools and the library is greatly to be desired. There should be a direct way of giving advice to the students and pupils in the Township High School and the Junior High and Grade Schools of our city, so that the material available for aiding the pupils in their studies can be equitably distributed among the different members needing it, and the teachers should be given an opportunity for more immediate and close consultation with the library staff concerning such material. Such an intimate relation requires co-operation and team work which I sincerely hope will be established very soon. The good that can be accomplished thereby will be apt to last throughout the lives of the students, and money appropriated with this object in view would be well spent.

The Assembly Room

The assembly room has become very popular among our people. There are but few days in the year when it is not used by one club or another; indeed, at times, there are two or three different bodies applying for it simultaneously, and at such times we try to accommodate all by pressing into use the class room and the directors' room. The Mothers' Club has maintained a sewing school in the assembly room every Saturday afternoon during the year, and several groups of teachers have held regular weekly meetings in the evening.

Simplified Method of Becoming Card Holders

The change in the by-laws, adopted a few months ago, simplifying the method of becoming card holders, has resulted in an increase in our patronage. Accord-

Report of the Librarian.

ing to the new rules any resident of the city over six years of age may obtain a card entitling him or her to draw books without being put to the inconvenience of requesting a tax payer to sign a guarantor's card for him. The fee for non-residents was at the same time reduced to the nominal sum of \$1.50 per annum.

Fiction Reading

The usual preponderance of fiction reading is again evidenced by the statistics. It is well, however, to remember in this connection that much of the fiction reading is done with a serious purpose by people who are of a studious turn of mind. Also, that most of the reading matter used in the reading rooms and reference room, if it were classified, would be found to be more substantial than fiction. This, however, does not appear in the statistics as at present collected.

Gifts

In the table of donors of books, pamphlets and pictures will be found the names of those who have been kind enough to donate to the library such articles as they could spare and which they thought would be acceptable to us. Among the most noted of these are a fine engraving of a likeness of Lincoln presented by the Holmes Club, and an oil-painted portrait of Sharon Tyndale, presented by his son, Mr. Theodore Tyndale, of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Press

The daily papers of Belleville have been ever ready to open their columns for me when I desired to write an article in the interest of the library. To them, as well as to the donors of gifts, the thanks of the Board are due.

Report of the Librarian.

The Employees

The library staff consists of the librarian and three assistants. They are all kept busy every hour of the day. Besides the regular routine work, they have performed very serious surgical operations upon over 500 delapidated books, not to mention the thousands of minor operations upon less serious cases. They have reclassified, renumbered and recatalogued all the books in the children's department, and also all the books in classes 4, 5, 6, and most of them in class 7 of the adult's department. This work necessitated the writing of tens of thousands of cards. All of this work required good judgment, thoughtfulness, care and unflagging industry. The best of spirit prevails among all the staff members and each one feels herself responsible for her share in the common task of improving the service and of gradually advancing the Belleville Public Library to a worthy place among the libraries of the State of Illinois. Every member of the staff profited greatly by the knowledge gained by Miss Steuernagel at the six weeks' summer library school at the University of Illinois last year. The Board is, indeed, fortunate in having in their employ a young woman whose enthusiasm and love for her work prompt her to seek further knowledge and improvement by attending the library summer school at Columbia University, New York, this year. I am certain that you will as readily grant her the time for this noble and unselfish purpose as her co-workers stand ready to take upon themselves extra work in assuming her duties during her absence.

The Building and Grounds

During the first year's occupancy of the new building several defects were revealed. The most serious one was the faulty construction of the sewer, which,

Report of the Librarian.

having been laid too high, was unable to carry off the water which ran into the boiler pit. A new sewer was constructed at a cost of \$109.41 which proved fully efficient and all that trouble is ended. It was found that the reading rooms needed ventilation. The only way to provide this without going to too great an expense, was to alter four of the transom windows so that they could be opened. This was done at an expense of about \$20.00. Next the fire chief notified us that the front screen doors had been hung to swing inward instead of outward as required by law. \$13.55 was paid for this alteration. These sums were all paid out of funds otherwise most sorely needed for library purposes.

The yard made a fine appearance last summer, and was one of the city's few beauty spots. Thanks are due to Mr. Gust Grossart for a number of shrubs which he donated and planted free of charge. The untiring work of Mr. Seiler, our efficient janitor, has kept both building and grounds in the finest of conditions.

Cost of Maintenance

An inspection of the financial report discloses some facts which deserve special attention. It will be seen that the city's appropriation for library purposes was \$6,000. Considering that the Carnegie Corporation demanded an annual appropriation of only \$4,500, it may well be asked: "Why spend \$6,000?" A careful examination by experts in various localities has disclosed the fact that an annual appropriation equal to only ten per cent. of the cost of the building is too small an amount to enable the Boards of Directors to properly manage the institutions under their charge. Let us examine our own list of expenditures and see how we fare with our \$6,000 appropriation.

Our list of expenditures contains items constituting

Report of the Librarian.

fixed charges, such as janitor's services, salaries, light, heat, water. These amounted last year to about \$4,200. Other expenditures may be classed as semi-fixed charges, depending, in part at least, upon the amount of business the library is doing.

Among these we find such items as binding, replacing worn-out books, printing, catalogue supplies, periodicals. These amounted last year to \$1,030, which added to the \$4,200 above mentioned makes \$5,230. For new books there would, therefore, be left some \$800 if it were not for something else which it is necessary to remember. Our fiscal year ends May 31st, while our appropriation does not become available until about March 1st of the following year. We should, therefore, have no less than \$4,000 balance in the treasury on May 31st to enable us to meet the current expenses from that date until March 1st of the next year.

Owing to the fact that the balance of \$3,016.31 in the treasury on May 31st, 1913, was almost completely consumed in paying for additional ground bought when it was discovered that the lot originally purchased was too small, the balance left in the treasury at the end of each fiscal year since then has been insignificant. Good housekeeping demands that we should gradually increase this balance until it assumes the proportion of about \$4,000. So it has become the imperative duty of the Board to save annually at least \$500 to add to the annual balance. Our statement shows last year's balance to have been \$837.91, while this year's balance is \$1,396.10, and yet we succeeded in expending for new books the sum of \$447.96, which was possible only because we have as yet paid nothing for light, that matter having been in litigation for some time. Had the light bill been presented and paid we should have had only about \$100 for new books. After carefully considering these statements does it not become plain that the Board should have been

Report of the Librarian.

granted an appropriation of \$6,500 as was its modest request last year?

It is the aim of your librarian to manage the affairs of the library so that its usefulness is gradually increased: but this will be a very difficult task unless he obtains a reasonable financial support from the tax payers. If it is worth while to have a public library at all it is the best kind of economy to expend more money for its support if it can be shown that the additional amount is put to good use.

Your Attention

Is invited to the following statistics:

In 1902 \$3,000 circulated 22,210 books at 13½ cents per volume.

In 1909 \$4,500 circulated 43,555 books at 10 cents per volume.

In 1916 \$4,500 circulated 44,574 books at 10 cents per volume.

These data are taken from three representative reports of the library while it was housed in the City Hall building under the same conditions. They show that the library that cost the taxpayers only \$3,000 in 1902 was really a more expensive institution than the library which seven years later cost them \$4,500. Why? Because the library in 1909 had almost doubled its business in every respect, while the increase in cost was only 50 per cent.

During the year just closed the circulation increased about 25 per cent.; the cost, however, owing to the reasons already stated, increased 33 per cent., so that the cost of circulating a book is again about 12 cents. While this is still somewhat lower than the average cost throughout the state, yet it is hoped that it will be constantly lowered by increasing the circulation.

Report of the Librarian.

Books constitute our stock in trade. To keep alive the interest we must provide a reasonable number of the newest books on the market. If we fail to do so, we shall soon be told that we are behind the times, and our business will fall off. At least \$1,000 should be available every year for the purchase of new books. It would enable us to satisfy, to some extent at least, the demand for the newest in literature and at the same time go back and purchase the best of the old standard books which have been absent from our shelves too long a time.

It is, indeed, gratifying to note that the statistics show that the business of the library increased during the past year in spite of all the drawbacks referred to: The circulation increased from 40,642 in 1916 to 50,015 in 1917; the number of visitors from 71,799 in 1916 to 73,692. May we not hope for a still further increase during the ensuing year? We should work for a circulation of at least 100,000 within the next few years. When we reach it, we shall have doubled the usefulness of the library and be rightfully entitled to a somewhat larger appropriation for semi-fixed charges which will have increased correspondingly.

The Mayor and City Council were convinced of the justice of the arguments above set forth, and we were granted for the ensuing year an appropriation of \$3,500.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Board for the support afforded me in my activities during the past year. The perfect harmony and good understanding among all the members of the staff and the members of the Board assure us that the year upon which we are now about to enter will be prosperous and successful.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. WOLLESON,

Librarian.

Annual Statement

Annual Statement

1. June 1st, 1916. Total number of books and periodicals in the library	74,219
2. Withdrawn and deducted:	
Pamphlets bound during the year	368
Pamphlets removed	2,000
Books lost	2
Books worn out and destroyed	180
Books taken from circulation	48
Total	2,598
Leaving	71,621
3. Added during the year:	
(a) Books:	
By purchase to replace old ones	217
By purchase, new additions	450
By donations	426
By binding	51
By public documents	164
	1,307
(b) Pamphlets:	
By purchase	1,320
By donations as shown in No. 13	388
By donations as shown in No. 14	212
By public documents	1,860
	3,780
Total books and pamphlets	76,708
June 1st, 1917, summary of books and pamphlets:	
Books generally (catalogued)	22,645
Public documents	9,446
Duplicates	1,115
Total number of books	33,206
Pamphlets generally	27,872
Pamphlets, public documents	15,630
Total number of pamphlets	43,502
Total number of books and pamphlets	76,708
4. Number of books lost	2
5. Number of books replaced	217
6. Number of duplicates set aside:	
Books	159
Pamphlets	1,526

Annual Statement

7. Number of books rebound				442
8. Number of books circulated and the general character of same:				
Class.	Adult.	Children.	Both.	%
Science	2,462	5,116	7,578	15.2
Literature	3,402	656	4,058	8.
History	1,016	2,384	3,400	7.8
Fiction	20,963	14,016	34,979	70.
Total	27,843	22,172	50,015	100.
School supplementary books				5,052
Grand Total				55,067
The same grouped according to languages:				
English books				52,553
German books				2,467
Other books				47
Total				55,067
Largest daily circulation: May 5th,				444;
Smallest, May 30th,				46; average. 162.
Number of days open for circulation during the year,				308.
9. Number of readers in the reading rooms				52,410
10. Number of visitors				73,692
11. Registration:				
Number of borrowers registered last report				5,360
Number of borrowers registered during year				892
Number of cards cancelled				322
Number of cards now in force				5,930
12. Number of periodicals and newspapers in the reading rooms:				
(a) Periodicals:	English	German	Total	
Semi-monthlies	6	1	7	
Quarterlies	9		9	
Monthlies	65	1	66	
Weeklies	28		28	
Total	108	2	110	
(b) Newspapers:				
Dailies	7	3	10	
Weeklies	4	2	6	
Total	11	5	16	
Grand Total	119	7	126	

Annual Statement

13. List of donors of books and periodicals:

(a) Individuals:

	Books.	Pamph.
Abend, Edward (Heirs)	163	
Barton, Mrs. Ada	1	
Chesley, Mrs. M. P.	12	
Coville, Marion E. (Author)	1	
Currie, Barton W.	1	
Ehrmann, Max (Author)	1	
Frantzius, Fritz von (Author)	2	
Groom, William	2	
Hough, William A.	1	
James, Gen. Thomas	1	
Klein, H. J.	5	
Lienesch, M.	2	
Maxim, Hudson (Author)	1	
Merrills, Fred B.	41	18
Ohms, Mrs. John C.	17	
Parker, Sir Gilbert		132
Powell, Mrs. Emma	12	
Rhein, Henry	29	
Rockefeller, John D. Jr.		2
Schuchardt, C. W.	10	
Stephen, S. Iver	1	
Starkel, Dr. C. H.	7	
Shaw Co., A. W.	3	
Thompson, Slason	1	
Turner, Mrs. L. D., Jr.	1	
Underwood, Maude	3	
Wangelin, Mrs. Rich.	24	
Webb, G. P.	1	
Weber, Oscar F.	1	
Willoughby, Mrs. E.	5	
Wolleson, A. M.	4	4
Yochs, Louis	25	
Wright, Thomas		2
Total	378	158

(b) Institutions:

American Bar Association	1	
American Library Association		2
Am. Society Internat'l Law	1	
Band Christian Science	2	
Bethlehem Steel Co.		1
Brooklyn Public Library		1
Carnegie Endowment Internat'l Peace	2	

Annual Statement

	Books. Pamph.	
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission		1
Chilean Government	1	
City Plan Commission	1	
Cleveland Public Library		1
Geo. H. Doran & Co.	1	
E. P. Dutton & Co.	1	
Evanston Public Library		1
First National Bank of Belleville	9	
General Educational Board	1	1
Hartford Public Library		3
Holmes Club (1 picture)	3	7
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	1	
Illinois	1	5
Illinois Ass'n of Teachers of English		8
Illinois State Board of Administration		1
International Conciliation		5
Jersey City Public Library		6
John Crerar Library		4
Joliet Public Library		1
Lake Forest College	7	
Lake Mohonk Conference		3
John Lane Co.	1	
Life Insurance Presidents		2
Longmans, Green & Co.	1	
Milwaukee Public Library		1
Mothers' Club		1
National Canning Association	1	
National Child Labor Committee		1
National Educational Association		1
National German American Alliance	3	
National Wholesale Liquor Dealers	1	
New York Public Library		6
Panama Pacific Internat'l Exposition Co.	1	
Park Commissioners, Minneapolis		1
Public Safety Commission	1	1
Publishers and others unknown	1	113
Reynolds Library, Rochester		1
Rockefeller Foundation		1
St. Louis		4
St. Louis Mercantile Library		1
St. Louis Public Library		13
Scranton Public Library		1
Soil Improvement Committee		14
United States	3	11
U. S. Brewers' Association	1	

Annual Statement

U. S. Shoe Machinery Co.	1	
University of Illinois		1
World Peace Foundation		5
Total by institutions	47	230
Total by individuals	378	158
Total (a) and (b)	425	388

14. List of donors of periodicals and newspapers:

(a) Periodicals.

Issued Monthly:

Woman's League, American Patriot, Westerville, Ohio.
 Mary L. Halbert, Assembly Herald, Lebanon, Pa.
 Band Chr. Scient., Christian Science Journal, Boston.
 Grossart, Chas., Das deutsche Lied, St. Louis.
 Claus, Ottilie, Extension Magazine, Chicago.
 Band Chr. Scient., Herold Christian Science, Boston.
 Beck, Herman, Lutheran Witness, St. Louis.
 Merrills, Fred B., Odd Fellows' Herald, Springfield, Ill.
 Schuchardt, C. W., Machinery, Rochester.
 United States, Pan-American Union, Washington.
 Publishers, Bote der neuen Kirche, St. Louis.
 Publishers, Commoner, Lincoln, Nebr.
 Publishers, Illinois Watchtower, Evanston, Ill.
 Publishers, International Molders' Journal, Cincinnati.
 Publishers, Mexican Review, Washington.
 Publishers, Rays from the Cross, Oceanside, Cal.
 Publishers, Review of Religions, Quadian, India.
 Publishers, Theosophical Path, Pt. Loma, Cal.
 Publishers, Young Crusader, Evanston.

Issued Weekly:

C. W. Schuchardt, American Machinist, New York.
 A. M. Wolleson, Army and Navy Journal, New York.
 Band Chr. Scient., Christian Science Sentinel, Boston.
 Epworth League, Epworth Herald, Chicago.
 Fischer, Martha, Musical America, New York.
 United States, Official Gazette, Washington.
 W. F. Kircher, Student Life, St. Louis.
 Publishers, Chicago Banker, Chicago.
 Publishers, Gospel Trumpet, Anderson, Ind.
 Publishers, Union Signal, Evanston, Ill.

Issued Semi-Monthly:

Claus, Ottilie, Fortnightly Review, St. Louis.
 Beck, Herman, Der Lutheraner, St. Louis.
 Beck, Herman, Lutheran Witness, St. Louis.
 Halbert, Wm. U., Stentor, Lake Forest.

Annual Statement

Issued Quarterly:

Publishers, Channel, Los Angeles.
Publishers, Theosophical Quarterly, New York.
W. C. T. U., Temperance Ed. Q., Milwaukee.

(b) Newspapers:

Issued Weekly:

Publishers, American Issue, Westerville, O.
Publishers, Messenger, Belleville, Ill.
Publishers, New Athens Journal, New Athens, Ill.
Publishers, Caseyv. and Edgemont News, Caseyville, Ill.
Publishers, Cincinnati Volksblatt, Cincinnati, O.

Issued Daily:

Publishers, Daily News Democrat, Belleville, Ill.
Publishers, Belleville Advocate, Belleville, Ill.
Publishers, Morning Record, Belleville, Ill.
Publishers, Belleville Post und Zeitung, Belleville, Ill.
Publishers, Amerika, St. Louis, Mo.
Publishers, Westliche Post, St. Louis, Mo.
Publishers, Illinois Staats-Zeitung, Chicago, Ill.
Publishers, East St. Louis Journal, East St. Louis, Ill.
Publishers, Christian Science Monitor, Band Chr. Scientists.

15. List of periodicals and newspapers purchased:

Quarterlies (English).

Annals of Political and Social Science.
Edinburg Review.
German-American Annals.
Journal of American History.
National Municipal Review.
Mississippi Valley Historical Review.
Quarterly Review.

Monthlies. (English.)

A. L. A. Booklist.
American.
American Boy.
American City.
Architectural Record.
Art World.
Atlantic.
Baseball Magazine.
Blackwoods.
Bookman.
Book Review Digest

Annual Statement

Century Magazine.
Contemporary Review.
Countryside Magazine and Suburban Life.
Cumulative Book Index.
Current Opinion.
Daughters of American Revolution Magazine.
Elementary School Journal.
Etude.
Fortnightly Review.
Forum.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's Magazine.
Illustrated World.
International Studio.
Journal of Political Economy.
Ladies' Home Journal.
La Follette's.
National Farmer.
National Geographical Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Popular Science Monthly.
Practical Farmer.
Public Libraries.
Readers' Guide.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific Monthly.
Scribner's Magazine.
System.
System on the Farm.
Technical World.
Theatre.
Woman's Home Companion.
World's Work.
 (German.)
Paedagogische Monatshefte.
 Weeklies. (English.)
Coal Age.
Collier's.
Independent.
Leslies.
Life.
Literary Digest.
Nation. (New York.)

Annual Statement

New Republic.
Outlook.
Poultry Press.
Power.
Public.
Saturday Evening Post.
Scientific American.
Survey.
United Mine Workers' Journal.
Viereck's New World.
Youth's Companion.
Semi-Monthlies. (English.)
Dial.
Mentor.
Practical Engineer.
Newspapers:
Globe-Democrat.
Chicago Herald.

Annual Statement

16. Table showing number of books catalogued according to classes and languages.

CLASSES.	Withdrawn	As per last Report	Added during Year	English	German	French	Greek	Latin	Hebrew	Russian	Spanish	Italian	Total
1-2 Philosophy and Religion.....	1	588	38	363	262								625
3 Sociology.....	8	1383	88	1114	340								1463
4 Philology.....	4	159	12	92	75								167
5 Natural Sciences.....	1	832	13	477	307								844
6 Useful Arts.....	1	444	61	333	171								504
7 Fine Arts.....	1	361	23	248	135								383
8 Literature.....	0	1743	64	868	839								1807
8F Fiction.....	80	5844	207	3284	2687								5971
8J Juveniles.....	221	2971	285	2687	448								3135
8H History.....	6	1444	61	876	623								1499
9G Geography.....	2	922	20	519	421								940
9B Biography and Memoirs.....	3	1460	15	845	636								1481
9M Maps.....		64	6	46	13	3		2					64
10 Library Economy, etc.....		540	39	488	88			3					570
Rare books.....		30	0	1	16			12			1		30
Old Newspapers and Periodicals.....		2644	37	1627	1054	181	94						2681
French books.....		181											181
Greek books.....		94											94
Latin books.....		170					170						170
Hebrew books.....		19							19				19
Russian books.....		1								1			1
Spanish books.....		7									7		7
	228	21910	963	13868	8284	181	94	187	19	1	7	1	22645

THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC LIBRARY
—*of*—
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1st, 1917
AND ENDING MAY 31st, 1918

Board of Directors

	Term Expires
Henry Baumgarten.....	1918
P. K. Johnson.....	1918
C. W. Schuchardt.....	1918
W. A. Hough.....	1919
Max C. Eckhardt.....	1919
L. R. Osterhaus.....	1919
O. F. Weber.....	1920
E. P. Leuschner.....	1920
O. G. Neuhaus.....	1920

OFFICERS.

President.....	W. A. Hough
Vice-President.....	L. R. Osterhaus

STANDING COMMITTEES

Library and Reading Room

L. R. Osterhaus	O. F. Weber	O. G. Neuhaus
-----------------	-------------	---------------

Finance

Max C. Eckhardt	Henry Baumgarten	P. K. Johnson
-----------------	------------------	---------------

By-Laws and Regulations

E. P. Leuschner	C. W. Schuchardt	P. K. Johnson
-----------------	------------------	---------------

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian.....	A. M. Wolleson
Assistant Librarian.....	Mary L. Halbert
Assistant Librarian.....	Bella Steuernagel
Children's Librarian.....	Maude Underwood
Janitor	Edward Seiler

Report of the Board of Directors

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville, State of Illinois:

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library hereby respectfully submits its report for the year commencing June 1st, 1917, and ending May 31st, 1918.

1. FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS:

Unexpended balance, June 1st, 1917.....	\$1396.10
Received from Tax Levy.....	6500.00
Fees from Non-Residents.....	11.25
Fines, etc.	104.54
Cards lost	5.30
Sale of old paper.....	2.75
Total receipts	<u>\$8019.94</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 175.91
Light	372.27
Repairs and Improvements	44.00
Furniture and fixtures .....	.65
Salaries	2820.00
Janitor service and supplies.....	953.76
Books	984.21
Periodicals	250.01
Binding	309.34
Printing	74.75
Stationery and catalog supplies.....	100.63
Postage, freight and drayage.....	42.61
Miscellaneous	129.26
Total expenditures	<u>\$6257.40</u>
Balance in Treasury, May 31, 1918.....	\$1762.54

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Number of books as per last report.....	33,206
Number of pamphlets last report	43,502
Number of books since added.....	1,247
Number of books since withdrawn.....	439
Net gain	808
Number of pamphlets since added.....	3,713
Number of pamphlets since withdrawn.....	910
Net gain	2,803
Number of books now in library.....	34,014
Number of pamphlets now in library.....	46,305
Number of visitors	75,719
Number readers	57,453
Number of cards issued	1,002
Number of cards now in force.....	6,853
Number of supplementary school books now in library.....	
Number of same used during year.....	

The Board begs leave to submit, as a part of this report, the annual report of its Librarian, marked "Exhibit B," duly verified, showing such details as are required by law.

W. A. HOUGH,
President.

Annual Statement

1.—June 1st, 1917.—Total number of books and periodicals in the library	76,708
2.—Withdrawn and deducted:	
Pamphlets bound	826
Pamphlets destroyed	84
Books worn out	212
Books taken from circulation	227
Total	1,349
Leaving	75,359
3.—Added during year:	
(a) Books:	
By purchase to replace.....	174
By purchase, new additions.....	724
By donations	129
By binding	89
By public documents	131
	1,247

(b) Pamphlets:

By purchase (not destroyed).....	1,275	
By donations—No. 14.....	180	
By donations—No. 13.....	295	
By public documents	1,963	
	<hr/>	3,713
Total books and pamphlets.....		80,319

June 1, 1918. Summary of books and pamphlets:

Books catalogued	23,316	
Books, public documents	9,577	
Duplicates set aside	1,121	
	<hr/>	
Total books		34,014
Pamphlets	28,712	
Pamphlets, public documents.....	17,593	
	<hr/>	
Total pamphlets		46,305
Total number of books and pamphlets.....		80,319

4.—Number of books lost.....	
5.—Number of books replaced.....	171
6.—Duplicates set aside	6
7.—Number of books rebound	631
Number of new bindings.....	88

8.—Circulation

Class	Adult.	Children.	Both.	Per Cent.
0	20		20	
1	177	37	214	0.4
2	172	612	784	1.5
3	700	2720	3420	6.4
4	58	1320	1378	2.6
5	218	618	836	1.6
6	515	301	816	1.6
7	340	411	751	1.4
8 L	654	649	1303	2.5
9 H	700	1145	1845	3.4
9 G	239	492	731	1.4
9 B	242	541	783	1.4
8 F	21328	16079	37407	69.8
Periodicals	3330		3330	6.
Total	28693	24925	53618	100.
School supplementary books.....			4779	
			<hr/>	
Grand Total.....			58397	

Same grouped according to languages:

English books	56591
German books	1784
Other books	22

Total	58397
-------------	-------

9.—Number of readers in the reading rooms..... 57453

10.—Number of visitors..... 75719

11.—Registration:

Number of Borrowers, last report.....	5930
Number registered during year	1002
Number of cards cancelled	79
Number now in force	6853

12.—Number of newspapers and periodicals in the Library:

(a) Periodicals:	English	German	Total
Bi-monthlies	4		4
Semi-monthlies	6	1	7
Quarterlies	7		7
Monthlies	87	1	88
Weeklies	26		26
(b) Newspapers:			
Dailies	6	3	9
Weeklies	8	3	11
Total	144	8	152

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. WOLLESON, Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1st day of June, 1918.

(SEAL)

ERWIN H. FERNAU, Notary Public.

THIRTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC LIBRARY

—of—
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS



COMPRISING THE ANNUAL
REPORTS OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS AND THE
LIBRARIAN

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1st, 1918
AND ENDING MAY 31st, 1919

Board of Directors

	Term Expires
W. A. Hough	1919
Max C. Eckhardt.....	1919
L. R. Osterhaus	1919
O. F. Weber	1920
E. P. Leuschner	1920
A. J. Stoeckel	1920
Henry Baumgarten	1921
P. K. Johnson	1921
R. F. Imbs	1921

OFFICERS.

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	L. R. Osterhaus

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Library and Reading Room.

L. R. Osterhaus	O. F. Weber	R. F. Imbs
-----------------	-------------	------------

Finance.

Max C. Eckhardt	P. K. Johnson	Henry Baumgarten
-----------------	---------------	------------------

By-Laws and Regulations.

E. P. Leuschner	A. J. Stoeckel	P. K. Johnson
-----------------	----------------	---------------

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian	Bella Steuernagel
Assistant Librarian.....	Mary L. Halbert
Assistant Librarian.....	Maude Underwood
Children's Librarian.....	Virginia Mullen
Janitor	Edward Seiler....

Report of the Board of Directors

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville, State of Illinois:

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library respectfully submits its report for the fiscal year, beginning June 1st, 1918 and ending May 31st, 1919.

1. FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in treasury on May 31st, 1918 as per last report.....	\$1762.54
City Appropriation	6500.00
Fees from non-residents	14.00
Fines, damages and lost books.....	149.48
Rented collection	16.90
Total receipts	\$8442.92

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 193.52
Light	117.40
Repairs	49.35
Furniture and Fixtures	24.75
Salaries	2935.50
Janitor's services	1042.23
New Books	709.15
Replaced books	69.73
Periodicals	240.55
Binding	513.82
Printing	18.35
Stationery and supplies	118.52
Postage, freight and express.....	33.19
Miscellaneous	104.49
Total expenditures	\$6170.55
Balance in treasury, May 31st, 1919.....	2272.37
	\$ 8442.92

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS

Number of books in Library, June 1st, 1918.....	24,014
Number of books added by purchase.....	525
Number of books added by gift.....	113
Number of books added by Binding.....	54
Number of books added by Public Documents.....	158
<hr/>	
Total additions	34,864
Number of books withdrawn.....	302
<hr/>	
Number of books now in Library.....	34,562
Net Gain	548
<hr/>	
Number of pamphlets in Library June 1st, 1919.....	46,305
Number of pamphlets added	4,230
Number of pamphlets bound	660
<hr/>	
Number of pamphlets now in Library	49,875
Number of visitors	74,125
Number of readers	47,104
Number of new cards issued	996
Number of cards in force	7,728
Number of supplementary school books in the Library.....	4,690
Number of supplementary school books used during the year.....	3,054

The Board begs to submit, as a part of this report, the annual report of its Librarian, duly verified, showing such details as required by law.

W. A. HOUGH,
President.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLE- VILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

I have the honor to present the 36th annual report for the year ending May 31st, 1919.

Circulation.

A brief summary of the circulation statistics shows that during the year just closed, we have had an increase of 7,677 books; which is very gratifying, notwithstanding the fact that the military service of the young men, the war work of the women, the influenza epidemic, and the additional hour of daylight saving for outdoor recreation, have all been factors in drawing people away from the Library.

The percentage of non-fiction remains about the same with the exception of History which shows an increase of 442 volumes. The circulation of fiction as usual greatly predominates, the percentage being 70 per cent. This of course seems large; but since fiction reading is largely recreational, the service given in this way it not altogether without its benefits.

Co-operation With the Schools.

Perhaps the most important phase of our Library's usefulness is its educational one; that of reference work for the school children and high school students. It is without question the most valuable part of our service, and the only one on which no report can be given, the only branch of our work which can not be reduced to figures; but which is unquestionably the most inspirational.

Our reference collection needs considerable building up, and since these books are pre-eminently our tools, and with better tools we can give more efficient service, it should by all means be our policy to add to our reference shelves one or two works of value each year. Books of this nature are the most permanently, substantial acquisition we can make; others being of more or less ephemeral value.

Children's Room.

The report here shows an increase of 2736 of juvenile books over last year; with a non-fiction percentage of 36. This is good work and would be very much more splendid if we were not handicapped by the fact that we have but one copy of a book with only a few exceptions. The needs of our children's room has reached the place when a single copy of a book is not sufficient; and I can not emphasize enough this statement, that there should not be less than five copies of a great many of the very worth-while books, i. e. non-fiction and duplicate copies of certain others. It would go a long way toward giving greater satisfaction to those eager young readers who are repeatedly asking for certain books which have been assigned them at school, only to be met with the answer, "It is not in."

I earnestly urge the teachers of the grade schools to further co-operate with us in a custom which we have been carrying on for some time, but which has been taken advantage of by only a few teachers. It is this, we gladly select and send to her a miscellaneous collection of about 20 or 30 books, which she keeps during the school year and reissues them to her pupils for home reading. Thus we reach a large number of children in localities remote from the Library, and these children are being brought in contact with books, who but for this would possibly never have one.

Staff.

During the year the Library was unfortunate in losing Mr. A. M. Wolleson as its Librarian; who was obliged to resign in order to devote his time to other interests. It was with a feeling of sincerest regret, and very reluctantly did the staff see him go, for he was indeed always our guide and friend.

The work of re-cataloging the books in the Library is progressing steadily,

and I hope to report by the end of this year that it is finished. All extra work entailed by this, and the increased amount of circulation and reference work has been done by the staff cheerfully and enthusiastically; and I wish to extend to them my appreciation and also my thanks to the Board of Directors for the kindly support and aid which has always been given us in trying to make the Library service a power for good in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLA STEUERNAGEL, Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of June, 1918.

(SEAL)

CLARA MENSINGER, Notary Public.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1.—Books and pamphlets in the Library June 1st, 1918.....	80,319
2.—Withdrawn and deducted:	
Books lost and worn out.....	302
Pamphlets bound	660
Total	962
Leaving	79,357
3.—Added:	
Books:	
By purchase	525
By gift	113
By binding	54
By public documents	158
Total	850
Pamphlets:	
By purchase and donations	2333
Public documents	1897
Total	4230
Total books and pamphlets	84,437
4.—Replaced books	267
5.—Rebound books	590
6.—New Bindings from periodicals	54
7.—Periodicals received currently	121
8.—Newspapers received daily	7
Newspapers received weekly	3

9.—Summary of circulation:

Adult	Juvenile	Schools	Total
33,634	27,661	2,979	64,274

10.—Circulation according to languages:

English	German	Other	Total
59,514	1,762	19	61,295

11.—Circulation by classes:

Class	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Per Cent
General works.....	147	1	148	.2
Philosophy	216	51	267	.4
Religion	218	796	1014	1.7
Sociology	568	3243	3811	6.3
Philology	65	1163	1228	2.
Science	287	575	862	1.5
Useful arts.....	434	419	853	1.4
Fine arts.....	335	417	752	1.2
Literature	636	661	1297	2.1
History	1080	1207	2287	3.6
Travel	224	662	886	1.5
Biography	360	654	1014	1.7
Fiction	25127	17812	42939	70.
Periodicals	3937		3937	6.4
Total	33634	27661	61295	100.

12.—Use of the Library by months:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Attendance
June, 1918.....	2165	2347	4512	5503
July	2449	2531	4980	6384
August	2755	2135	4890	6371
Sept.	2264	1574	3838	5562
Oct.	2596	1872	4468	5417
Nov.	2999	2330	5329	5892
Dec.	2801	2388	5189	5311
Jan. 1919.....	3158	2345	5503	6539
Feb.	3142	2589	5731	6308
March	3429	2868	6297	7932
April	2812	2229	6297	6478
May	3064	2453	5517	6428
Total	33634	27661	61295	74125

13.—Borrowers registered during the year:

Cards issued to adults.....	496
Cards issued to children.....	500
Total	996
Cards cancelled	121
Cards renewed	278

THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC LIBRARY
— *of* —
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
For the Fiscal Year
1919-1920



Board of Directors

	Term Expires.
O. F. Weber	1920
E. P. Leuschner	1920
A. J. Stoeckel	1920
Henry Baumgarten	1921
Henry Kolb	1921
R. F. Imbs	1921
W. A. Hough	1922
Max Eckhardt	1922
E. E. Wangelin.....	1922

OFFICERS.

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	Max Eckhardt

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Library and Reading Room.

Max Eckhardt	O. F. Weber	R. F Imbs
--------------	-------------	-----------

Finance.

E. P. Leuschner	Henry Baumgarten	E. E. Wangelin
-----------------	------------------	----------------

By-Laws and Regulations.

E. P. Leuschner	Henry Kolb	A. J. Stoeckel
-----------------	------------	----------------

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian	Bella Steuernagel
Assistant Librarian.....	Maude Underwood
Assistant Librarian.....	Mary L. Halbert
Children's Librarian.....	Virginia Mullen
Janitor	Edward Seiler

Report of the Board of Directors

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville, State of Illinois:

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library, hereby submits its report for the year beginning June 1st, 1919 and ending April 30, 1920. The statutes of the State of Illinois requiring that the fiscal year of Libraries shall terminate with the fiscal year of the cities supporting them, made it necessary to change the fiscal year of this Library from June 1st until May 31st to May 1st until April 30th. This report therefore represents the work of eleven months only.

1 FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury, June 1st, 1919.....	\$2272.37
City Appropriation	6500.00
Fees from non-residents	11.00
Fines, damages, lost books	159.43
Rental Collection	25.90
Sale of old paper	3.05
Total receipts	\$8971.75

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 129.87
Light	139.30
Repairs and Improvements.....	27.28
Furniture and Fixtures	4.20
Salaries	3012.55
Janitor's service	1053.70
New books	756.78
Replaced Books	324.36
Periodicals	268.25
Binding	435.87
Printing	125.80
Insurance	71.28
Stationery	53.75
Postage, freight, express	31.06
Miscellaneous	164.80
Total expenditures	\$ 6598.85
Balance in Treasury, May 1st, 1920.....	\$ 2372.90

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Number of books in Library, June 1st, 1919.....	34,562
Number of books added by purchase.....	550
Number of books added by gift.....	150
Number of books added by binding.....	26
Number of books added by Public Documents.....	198
Total additions	35,486
Number of books withdrawn.....	365
Net gain	559
Number of books now in Library.....	35,121
Number of pamphlets in Library June 1st, 1919.....	49,875
Number of pamphlets added	3,942
	53,817
Number of pamphlets withdrawn.....	2,850
Number of pamphlets bound.....	166
Number of pamphlets now in Library.....	50,801
Number of visitors	88,988
Number of new cards issued.....	1,081
Number of cards in force.....	8,448
Number of supplementary school books in Library.....	5,286
Number of pamphlets, books used during year.....	6,329

The Board begs to submit as a part of this report the annual report of the Librarian, duly verified showing such details as required by law.

W. A. HOUGH,
President.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1.—Books and pamphlets in Library June 1, 1919.....	84,437
2.—Withdrawn:	
a) Books lost and withdrawn.....	356
b) Pamphlets withdrawn	2,850
Pamphlets bound	166
	3,372
Leaving	81,065

3.—Added:

Books by purchase	550
Books by gift	150
Books by binding	26
Books by Public Documents	198
Total	924

Pamphlets by purchase, gift and Public Documents..... 3,942

Total books and pamphlets 85,931

4.—Replaced books	342
5.—Rebound	504
6.—New bindings from periodicals.....	26
7.—Periodicals currently received	114
8.—Newspapers daily received	8
Newspapers weekly received	2

9.—Summary of Circulation:

Adult	Juvenile	Schools	Total
37,426	30,711	6,329	74,466

10.—Circulation as to languages:

English	German	Others	Total
66,113	2,023	1	68,137

11.—Circulation by classes:

Class	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Per cent
General works	295		295	.4
Philosophy	350	101	451	.6
Religion	181	920	1,101	2.
Sociology	773	3,578	4,351	6.3
Philology	84	2,199	2,283	3.3
Science	356	816	1,172	2.
Useful Arts	745	563	1,308	2.
Fine Arts	461	423	884	1.2
Literature	627	713	1,340	2.
History	884	1,295	2,179	3.
Travel	261	1,242	1,503	2.2
Biography	280	800	1,080	1.5
Fiction	28,477	18,061	46,538	68.3
Periodicals	3,652		3,652	5.2
Total	37,426	30,711	68,137	100.

12.—Use of Library by months:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Attendance
June 1919.....	2,598	2,335	4,933	6,149
July	3,170	2,717	5,887	7,303
August	3,085	2,135	5,220	5,916
September	2,800	1,830	4,630	5,876
October	3,267	2,998	6,265	8,664
November	3,171	3,294	6,465	9,150
December	3,237	3,166	6,403	8,667
January, 1920.....	3,855	2,709	6,564	9,306
February	4,098	3,079	7,177	8,975
March	4,347	3,552	7,899	10,466
April	3,798	2,896	6,694	8,516
Total	37,426	30,711	68,137	88,988

13.—Borrowers registered during year:

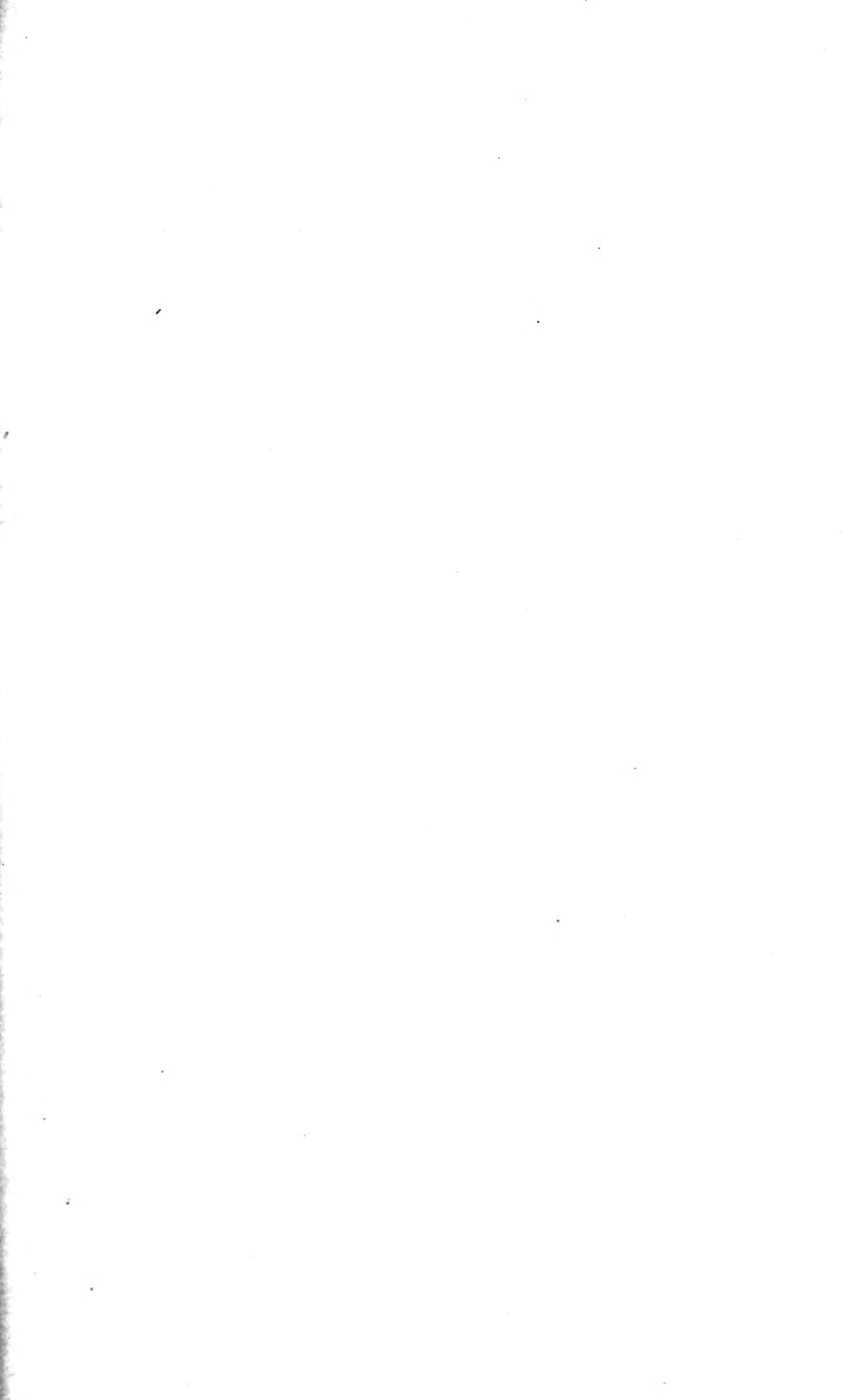
Adult	472
Juvenile	609
Total	1081
Cards cancelled.....	361
Cards renewed	548

Respectfully submitted,

BELLA STEUERNAGEL,
Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1920.

WILBUR E. KREBS
Notary Public.





THIRTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
PUBLIC LIBRARY
— of —
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
For the Fiscal Year
1920-1921



Board of Directors

	Term Expires.
Henry Baumgarten	1921
Henry Kolb	1921
R. F. Imbs	1921
W. A. Hough	1922
Max Eckhardt	1922
E. E. Wangelin	1922
O. F. Weber	1923
E. P. Leuschner	1923
A. J. Stoeckel	1923

OFFICERS.

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	Max Eckhardt

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Library and Reading Room.

Max Eckhardt	R. F. Imbs	O. F. Weber
--------------	------------	-------------

Finance.

E. P. Leuschner	Henry Baumgarten	E. E. Wangelin
-----------------	------------------	----------------

By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

E. P. Leuschner	Henry Kolb	A. J. Stoeckel
-----------------	------------	----------------

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian	Bella Steuernagel
Assistant Librarian.....	Maude Underwood
Assistant Librarian.....	Mary L Halbert
Children's Librarian.....	Lillian McCluskey
Janitor	Edward Seiler

Report of the Board of Directors

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council of the City of Belleville, State of Illinois:

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library, herewith submits its Annual Report for the year beginning May 1, 1920 and ending April 30, 1921.

1. FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1920.....	\$ 2372.90
City Appropriation	7500.00
Fees from non-residents	22.00
Fines, damages, lost books.....	259.95
Mental collection	56.07
Sale of old paper, etc.....	13.50
Total Receipts	<u>\$10224.42</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 206.49
Light	176.80
Repairs and improvements	32.85
Furniture and Fixtures	25.20
Salaries	3885.50
Janitor Service	1320.68
Books	1407.11
Periodicals	348.66
Finding	523.35
Printing	205.00
Stationery	18.54
Postage, freight, express	36.07
Miscellaneous	220.77
Insurance	--
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 8407.02</u>
Balance in Treasury May 1, 1921.....	\$ 1817.40

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Books.

Number of books in Library May 1, 1920.....	35,121
Number of books added by purchase.....	549
Number of books added by gift.....	77
Number of books added by binding.....	94
Number of books added by Public Documents.....	212

Total additions	36,053
-----------------------	--------

Number of books withdrawn	291
Net gain	641
Number of books now in Library.....	35,762

Pamphlets.

Number of pamphlets in Library May 1, 1920.....	50,801
Number of pamphlets added	4,538

55,339

Number of pamphlets withdrawn	2,967
Number of pamphlets bound	733
Number of pamphlets now in Library.....	51,639
Number of Visitors	92,029
Number of Cards issued	3,739
Number of cards surrendered	41
Number of cards in force.....	3,698
Number of Supplementary School Books in Library.....	5,267
Number of Supplementary School Books issued during year.....	10,343

The Board begs to submit as a part of this Report the annual report of the Librarian, duly verified showing such details as required by law.

W. A. HOUGH,
President.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLE-
VILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

I herewith submit the annual report of the 38th fiscal year ending April 30, 1921.

A review of the Library year shows a decided increase in circulation and general use of the Library; in fact the largest growth we have ever had in

any one year viz. 13,879 volumes. The call for business and technical books continues to increase, and we are meeting this need only about half way. An increased income would enable us to do so much more in the way of supplying such books of higher substantial value. There is also the over present question of new fiction, our supply never seems equal to one-fourth of the demand.

During the year just closed a new registration and loan system was installed which has greatly simplified the work as well as cut down the expense of this department.

The work with the children has had more than pleasing results not only in the way of increased circulation, but in an inspirational way as well. During the past summer a "Vacation Reading Circle" was conducted which proved to be a great success although it was planned rather late. We feel that it did a good deal to promote better and more reading among the children, and we expect to repeat it this summer on a larger scale.

Weekly story hours were held on Saturday afternoons from October until April; there were twenty-four of these and were attended by from fifteen to sixty-five children each Saturday.

Children's Book Week was observed from November 15-20th, 1920; when a representative collection of books for children was exhibited for the purpose of interesting parents in the best literature for children. This was visited by many children and parents, and the English classes were sent up from the Junior High School during their English periods to view the exhibit and listen to talks on good books.

The amount of reference work done for the High School students was also greatly in excess of former years. Separate shelves of books were set aside for them, containing books for all grades in High School, selected from lists given the students for outside reading.

The use of the first floor for assembly and meeting purposes has been very popular during the past winter. Besides being taken over entirely by the Red Cross for its headquarters and activities; the rooms have been used on an average of twenty times a month and during one period as many as forty times when it was necessary to press into service every nook and corner so that no one would be refused.

We may well ask and answer affirmatively "Does the Library Pay?" Below is appended a brief summary of a few statistics of the last five years, proving that it does pay.

Year	Circulation	Expenditures	Cost of Circulation per volume
1916-17	50,015	\$ 5617.26	.112c
1917-18	53,618	6257.40	.116c
1918-19	61,295	6170.55	.1006c
1919-20	68,137	6598.85	.094c
1920-21	82,016	8407.02	.102c

Considering the enormous increase in the maintenance of a Library in the last few years, especially in items over which we have no control such as the increased cost of Books, Binding, Periodicals, Supplies and general maintenance; it has been a problem of very rigid housekeeping to keep the expenditures down as low as possible and try to meet the increased demand for books. It is earnestly to be hoped that the City Council will at some time in the near future see fit to grant the full Library Tax Levy permitted by the State of Illinois. Without it we are barely able to carry on; with it we would be able to enlarge the scope of our work and do something in the way of extension work by bringing Library service to at least two outlying locations as the West End and the Jefferson School district in the nature of a branch in the case of the former and a station for the latter.

My thanks and appreciation are due the Staff for their loyalty and co-operation; to the local press on whom I have often called for space; and to the Board of Directors for its kindly support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLA STEUERNAGEL,

Librarian.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1.—Books and Pamphlets in Library May 1, 1920.....	85,922
2.—Withdrawn:	
a) Books lost and withdrawn.....	291
b) Pamphlets withdrawn and bound.....	3700
	<hr/>
	3991
Leaving	81,931
3.—Added:	
Books by purchase	549
Books by gift	77
Books by binding	94
Books by Public Documents	212
	<hr/>
	932
Pamphlets by purchase, gift and Public Documents.....	4538
	<hr/>
Total books and pamphlets	87,401
4.—Replaced books	492
5.—Rebound books	864
6.—New bindings from periodicals	94
7.—Periodicals currently received	105
8.—Newspapers daily received	7
9.—Newspapers weekly received	3

10.—Summary of circulation:

Adult	Juvenile	Schools	Total
47,972	34,044	10,343	92,359

11.—Circulation as to languages:

English	German	Others	Total
79,675	2329	12	82,016

12.—Circulation as to classes:

Class	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Per cent
General works.....	347		347	.4
Philosophy	356	65	421	.5
Religion	175	1,028	1,203	1.6
Sociology	847	4,160	5,007	6.1
Philology	95	2,492	2,587	3.1
Science	306	1,054	1,360	1.7
Useful Arts.....	805	663	1,468	1.8
Fine Arts.....	606	515	1,121	1.4
Literature	1,041	893	1,934	2.4
History	858	1,463	2,321	2.8
Travel	587	1,403	1,990	2.4
Biography	370	1,000	1,370	1.7
Fiction	36,997	19,308	56,305	68.7
Periodicals	4,582		4,582	5.6
Totals	47,972	34,044	82,016	100.

13.—Use of the Library by months:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Attendance
May, 1920.....	3,780	2,684	6,464	7,579
June	3,178	2,532	5,710	7,039
July	3,348	2,577	5,925	5,818
August	3,207	2,426	5,633	5,335
September	3,133	1,736	4,869	6,007
October	3,678	2,234	5,912	7,433
November	4,085	3,256	7,341	8,664
December	4,104	3,077	7,181	7,823
January, 1921.....	4,977	3,509	8,486	8,779
February	4,818	3,100	7,918	9,381
March	5,004	3,407	8,411	9,605
April	4,660	3,506	8,166	8,566
Totals	47,972	34,044	82,016	92,029

14.—Borrowers registered: According to new system of registration introduced September 1, 1920.

Adult	2398
Juvenile	1341
Cards cancelled.....	41
Cards in force.....	3698

15.—Comparative circulation by years of the last ten years of the Library.

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
1910-11	25,396	13,495	38,891
1911-12	25,698	16,117	41,815
1912-13	25,854	15,078	40,932
1913-14	25,642	14,072	39,714
1914-15	27,067	12,699	39,766
1915-16	25,217	15,425	40,642
1916-17	27,843	22,161	50,004
1917-18	28,693	24,925	53,618
1918-19	33,634	27,661	61,295
1919-20	37,426	30,711	68,137
1920-21	47,972	34,044	82,016

Respectfully submitted,

BELLA STEUERNAGEL,

Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1921.

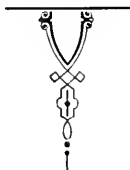
WILBUR E. KREBS,

Notary Public.

SEP 5 1923

Thirty-Ninth Annual Report
of the
Belleville Public Library
for the

Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 1921
and Ending April 30, 1922.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

	Term Expires.
W. A. Hough	1922
E. E. Wangelin	1922
Max Eckhardt	1922
F. E. Evans	1923
E. P. Leuschner	1923
A. J. Stoeckel	1923
R. F. Imbs	1924
Stanley Sprague	1924
J. J. Gummersheimer	1924

OFFICERS.

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	Max Eckhardt

COMMITTEES.

Library and Reading Room.....	{ Max Eckhardt R. F. Imbs F. E. Evans
Finance.....	{ E. P. Leuschner E. E. Wangelin J. J. Gummersheimer
By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.....	{ E. P. Leuschner A. J. Stoeckel Stanley Sprague

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian	Bella Steuernagel
Assistant Librarian	Maude Underwood
Assistant Librarian	Mary L. Halbert
Children's Librarian	Lillian McCluskey
Janitor	Edward Seiler

Report of the Board of Directors

**To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville,
State of Illinois:**

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library, herewith submits its Annual Report for the year beginning May 1, 1921 and ending April 30, 1922.

1. FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1921.....	\$ 1817.40
City appropriation	7500.00
Fees from non-residents.....	19.50
Fines, damages, lost books.....	319.76
Rental collection	57.05
Sale of old paper, etc.....	13.00
Total receipts	\$ 9726.71

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 183.88
Light	184.00
Repairs and Improvements.....	45.02
Furniture and Fixtures.....	35.80
Salaries	4140.00
Janitor Service	1353.12
Books	972.97
Periodicals	315.64
Binding	1313.63
Printing	72.75
Stationary and Catalog supplies.....	27.25
Postage, Freight and Express.....	33.77
Miscellaneous	201.85
Total expenditures	\$ 8879.68
Balance in Treasury May 1, 1922.....	\$ 847.03

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS.

BOOKS.

Number of books in Library May 1, 1921.....	35,762
Number of books added by purchase.....	373
Number of books added by gift.....	74
Number of books added by binding.....	58
Number of books added by Public Documents.....	159
<hr/>	
Total additions	36,426
Number of books withdrawn.....	305
<hr/>	
Net gain	259
Number of books now in Library.....	36,021

PAMPHLETS.

Number of pamphlets in Library May 1, 1921.....	51,639
Number of pamphlets added.....	3,834
Number of pamphlets withdrawn.....	1,364
Number of pamphlets bound.....	476
Number of pamphlets now in Library.....	53,633
Number of new cards issued.....	1,278
Number of cards cancelled.....	42
Number of cards now in force.....	4,934
Number of supplementary school books in Library.....	5,414
Number of supplementary school books issued.....	10,152

The Board begs to submit as a part of this report the annual report of the Librarian, duly verified showing such details as required by law.

W. A. HOUGH,
President.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1.—Books and pamphlets in Library May, 1921.....	87,392
2.—Withdrawn:	
a) Books lost and withdrawn.....	305
b) Pamphlets bound and withdrawn.....	1840
<hr/>	
	2,245
<hr/>	
Leaving	85,147

3.—Added:

Books added by purchase.....	373	
Books added by gift.....	74	
Books added by binding.....	58	
Books added by Public Documents.....	159	
		<hr/> 664

Pamphlets added by purchase, gift and Public Documents	3,834
--	-------

Total books and pamphlets.....	89,645
--------------------------------	--------

4.—Replaced books	344
5.—Rebound books	3,896
6.—New bindings from periodicals.....	58
7.—Periodicals currently received.....	99
8.—Newspapers received daily.....	7
9.—Newspapers received weekly.....	5

10.—Summary of Circulation:

Adult	Juvenile	Schools	Total
49,488	34,965	10,152	94,605

11.—Circulation as to languages:

English	German	Others	Total
81,873	2,571	9	84,453

12.—Circulation as to classes:

Class	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Per Cent.
General works	392		392	.5
Philosophy	243	61	304	.4
Religion	227	839	1,066	1.2
Sociology	700	4,719	5,419	5.5
Philology	67	3,166	3,233	4.
Science	246	1,067	1,313	1.6
Useful Arts	784	614	1,398	1.6
Fine Arts	734	543	1,277	1.6
Literature	1202	772	1,974	2.5
History	806	1,471	2,277	3.
Travel	455	1,383	1,838	2.2
Biography	455	750	1,205	1.5
Fiction	38,181	19,580	57,761	68.4
Periodicals	4,996		4,996	6.
Totals	49,488	34,965	84,453	100.

13.—Use of the Library by months:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Attendance
May, 1921	3,748	2,834	6,582	6,539
June	3,548	2,958	6,506	5,767
July	3,503	3,004	6,507	5,672
August	3,727	2,887	6,614	5,589
September	3,641	1,787	5,428	5,930
October	4,205	2,713	6,918	7,353
November	4,494	3,204	7,698	7,719
December	4,277	3,212	7,489	7,187
January, 1922	5,005	3,524	8,529	7,457
February	4,608	3,278	7,886	7,219
March	4,789	3,060	7,849	7,679
April	3,943	2,504	6,447	6,009
Totals	49,488	34,965	84,453	80,120

14.—Registration of borrowers:

Adult	744
Juvenile	534
Cards cancelled	42
Cards in force May 1, 1922.....	4934

Respectfully submitted,

BELLA STEUERNAGEL,

Librarian.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1922.

WILBUR E. KREBS,

Notary Public.

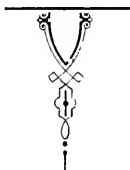




Fortieth Annual Report
of the
Belleville Public Library

for the

Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 1922
and Ending April 30, 1923



BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

	Term Expires.
F. E. Evans.....	1923
A. J. Stoeckel	1923
E. P. Leuschner.....	1923
R. F. Imbs	1924
Stanley Sprague	1924
J. J. Gummersheimer	1924
W. A. Hough	1925
E. E. Wangelin	1925
Max Eckhardt	1925

OFFICERS.

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	Max Eckhardt

COMMITTEES.

Library and Reading Room.....	{ Max Eckhardt R. F. Imbs F. E. Evans
Finance	{ E. P. Leuschner E. E. Wangelin J. J. Gummersheimer
By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.....	{ A. J. Stoeckel E. P. Leuschner Stanley Sprague

LIBRARY STAFF.

Librarian	Bella Steuernagel
Assistant Librarian	Maude Underwood
Assistant Librarian	Mary L. Halbert
Children's Librarian	Josephine Portuondo
Janitor	Edward Seiler

Report of the Board of Directors

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Belleville,
State of Illinois:

The Board of Directors of the Belleville Public Library, herewith submits its Annual Report for the year beginning May 1, 1922 and ending April 30, 1923.

1. FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1922.....	\$ 847.03
City appropriation	10,000
Fees from non-residents.....	18.00
Fines, damages, lost books, etc.....	350.59
Rental collection and reserves.....	64.60
Sale of old paper, etc.....	9.88
Total receipts	\$ 11,290.10

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 153.29
Light	173.60
Repairs and improvements.....	783.35
Furniture and Fixtures.....	38.88
Salaries	4,172.50
Janitor service.....	1,354.53
Books	1,164.49
Periodicals	283.56
Binding	406.26
Printing	87.00
Stationary and catalog supplies.....	81.45
Postage, Freight, Express	26.55
Miscellaneous	191.05
Insurance	75.96
Total expenditures	\$ 8,992.47

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1923.....	\$ 2,297.63
--------------------------------------	-------------

2. LIBRARY STATISTICS.

BOOKS:

Number of books in Library May 1, 1922.....	36,021
Number of books added by purchase.....	587
Number of books added by gift.....	59
Number of books added by binding.....	62
Number of books added by Public Documents.....	64

Total additions	36,793
-----------------------	--------

Number of books withdrawn.....	615
--------------------------------	-----

Net gain	157
----------------	-----

Number of books now in Library.....	36,335
-------------------------------------	--------

PAMPHLETS:

Number of pamphlets in Library May 1, 1922.....	53,633
Number of pamphlets added.....	3,309
Number of pamphlets withdrawn.....	539
Number of pamphlets bound.....	483

Number of pamphlets now in Library.....	55,920
---	--------

3. REGISTRATION OF BORROWERS.

Number of borrowers' cards in force May 1, 1922.....	4934
Number of new cards issued (Adult—632; Juvenile—446).....	1078
Number of cards cancelled.....	93
Number of cards in force May 1, 1923.....	5919

4. SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOKS.

Number of Supplementary School Books in Library.....	5,850
Number of Supplementary School Books circulated.....	11,203
5.—Replaced books	357
6.—Rebound books	464
7.—New bindings from periodicals.....	62
8.—Periodicals currently received.....	105
9.—Newspapers received daily.....	8
Newspapers received weekly	4

10.—Summary of circulation:

Adult	Juvenile	Schools	Total
47,468	30,336	11,203	89,007

11.—Circulation as to languages:

English	German	Others	Total.
75,616	2,184	4	77,804

12.—Circulation as to classes:

Class	Adult			
General works	396		396	.5
Philosophy	293	48	341	.4
Religion	222	866	1,088	1.4
Sociology	664	4,339	5,003	6.4
Philology	94	3,394	3,488	4.5
Science	278	941	1,219	1.6
Useful Arts	815	425	1,240	1.6
Fine Arts	705	497	1,202	1.5
Literature	1504	675	2,179	2.8
History	716	1,280	1,996	2.6
Travel	436	1,226	1,662	2.
Biography	477	734	1,211	1.6
Fiction	36,199	15,911	52,110	67.
Periodicals	4669		4,669	6.
	<hr/> 47,468	<hr/> 30,336	<hr/> 77,804	<hr/> 100.

13.—Use of Library by months:

	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Attendance
May, 1922	3,628	2,377	6,005	5,650
June	3,234	2,212	5,446	4,843
July	3,267	2,523	5,790	4,335
August	3,551	2,310	5,861	4,799
September	3,655	1,496	5,151	5,455
October	3,969	2,036	6,005	6,046
November	4,209	2,644	6,853	6,883
December	4,019	2,768	6,787	6,227
January, 1923	4,929	3,247	8,176	7,586
February	4,368	3,011	7,379	6,860
March	4,784	3,055	7,839	7,770
April	3,855	2,657	6,512	6,371
Totals.....	<hr/> 47,468	<hr/> 30,336	<hr/> 77,804	<hr/> 72,825

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH,
President Board of Directors.

BELLA STEUERNAGEL,
Librarian and Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1923.

WILBUR E. KREBS,
Notary Public.



1884-1924

FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BELLEVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY



FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 1923
AND ENDING APRIL 30, 1924

DIRECTORS

	Term Expires
R. F. Imbs.....	1924
J. J. Gummersheimer.....	1924
Conrad Schildroth.....	1924
W. A. Hough	1925
E. E. Wangelin	1925
Max Eckhardt	1925
F. E. Evans	1926
A. J. Stoeckel	1926
E. P. Leuschner	1926

OFFICERS

President	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	Max Eckhardt

COMMITTEES

Library and Reading Room.....	{	Max Eckhardt F. E. Evans R. F. Imbs
Finance.....	{	E. P. Leuschner E. E. Wangelin J. J. Gummersheimer
By-Laws, Rules, Regulations.....	{	A. J. Stoeckel Conrad Schildroth E. P. Leuschner

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Bella Steuernagel
Assistant Librarian	Maude Underwood
Assistant Librarian	Mary L. Halbert
Children's Librarian	Josephine Portuondo
Janitor	Edward Seiler

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

For the Year Beginning May 1, 1923 and Ending April 30, 1924.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BELLEVILLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS:

We herewith present the annual report of the Belleville Public Library for the year beginning May 1, 1923 and ending April 30, 1924; as submitted by the librarian, also the estimate of expenses for the coming year.

ESTIMATE FOR COMING YEAR.

Heat	\$ 200.00
Light	200.00
Repairs and Improvements.....	50.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	100.00
Salaries	4400.00
Janitor Service	1400.00
Books	2000.00
Periodicals	300.00
Binding	600.00
Printing	130.00
Insurance	70.00
Stationary and Catalogue Supplies.....	100.00
Postage, Freight, Express.....	50.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
<hr/>	
Total	\$10,000.00

FINANCE.

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury May 1, 1923.....	\$ 2299.63
City appropriation	10000.00
Fees from non-residents	23.50
Fines, damages, lost books, etc.....	521.62
Rental collection and reserve cards.....	77.84
Sale of old paper, etc.....	27.23
<hr/>	

Total receipts\$12,949.82

EXPENDITURES:

Heat	\$ 211.33
Light	190.40
Repairs and Improvements.....	131.25
Furniture and Fixtures	13.45
Salaries	4395.00
Janitor Service	1464.71
Books	2683.76
Periodicals	284.24
Binding	623.83
Printing	113.00
Insurance	
Stationary and Catalog Supplies.....	71.50
Postage, Freight, Express.....	45.82
Miscellaneous	436.90

Total Expenditures	\$10,665.19
Balance in Treasury May 1, 1924.....	\$ 2,284.63

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

INCREASE

Number of volumes at beginning of year.....	36,335
Number of volumes added by purchase.....	722
Number of volumes added by gift.....	38
Number of volumes added by binding.....	55
Number of volumes added by Public Documents.....	98
Number of volumes lost and withdrawn.....	894
Total number of volumes at the end of year.....	36,354

Number of pamphlets at beginning of year.....	55,920
Number of pamphlets added during year.....	3254
Number of pamphlets withdrawn	980
Number of pamphlets bound.....	553
Total number of pamphlets at the end of year.....	57,641

REGISTRATION.

Number of borrowers registered at beginning of the year.....	5919
Number of new borrowers registered (Adult—619; Juvenile—424).....	1043
Number of borrowers' cards cancelled	184
Number of borrowers' cards renewed	718
Total number of borrowers' cards in force May 1, 1924.....	6778

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

SUMMARY OF CIRCULATION:

Adult.	Juvenile.	Schools.	Total.
54,272	39,900	9,664	103,836

CIRCULATION AS TO LANGUAGES:

English	German	Others	Total
91,903	2,267	2	94,172

CIRCULATION AS TO CLASSES:

Class	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Per Cent
General Works	407.....	1	408 .....	.4
Philosophy	399.....	70	469 .....	.5
Religion	300.....	885	1185	1.2
Sociology	767.....	5689	6456	7.
Philology	112.....	6165	6277	7.
Science	315.....	1308	1623	1.7
Useful Arts	872.....	566	1438	1.5
Fine Arts	803.....	559	1362	1.4
Literature	1605.....	601	2206	2.2
History	947.....	1544	2491	2.3
Travel	611.....	1667	2278	2.3
Biography	618.....	882	1500	1.5
Fiction	41948.....	19963	61911	66.
Periodicals	4568.....	.....	4568	5.
Total	54272.....	39900	94172	100.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOKS.

Number of supplementary school books in library.....	5084
Number of supplementary school books circulated.....	9664
Replaced books	1250
Rebound books	981
New bindings from periodicals.....	55
Periodicals currently received.....	108
Newspapers received daily	10
Newspapers received weekly	3
Number of meetings held in Assembly Room.....	182
Cost of circulation per book.....	11.3c
Circulation of books per capita	3.7 books

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HOUGH,
President Board of Directors.
BELLA STEUERNAGEL,
Librarian and Secretary.

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of May, 1924.

WILBUR E. KREBS,
Notary Public.

Among the noteworthy things standing out in the year's work, one is that the circulation has recovered from the slump recorded last year. It will be noticed that there has been an increase in circulation over last year of 16,368 volumes; due to our going back to the system of circulating books for two weeks instead of four. Under the latter system the book turnover was too small and proved unsatisfactory for the size of our book collection.

In reference work we have had a record year, the work having increased perceptibly and during the winter months when the peak of the load is carried, the room was filled at times beyond capacity.

A considerable increase in the circulation of children's books is noted and is very gratifying. During Good Book Week, lists of children's books suggested for Christmas buying were distributed to parents, with the library imprint. Also a larger number of class room collections has been placed in the outlying schools than formerly; and with the co-operation of the teachers we hope to increase this service to the children during the coming year.

The history of the library is happily rounded out this year with the completion of its fortieth year. A short sketch of its history is offered here.

Forty years ago on March 10, 1884, the public library of Belleville was first opened to the public, although real library spirit was abroad in the community many, many years before this time. A backward glance at the circumstances which led to the establishment of a library is indeed interesting at this time.

A group of German immigrants, all men of wide culture and high ideals, to whom the political conditions of Germany at that time had become insufferable, had located about six miles from Belleville. Here in this new land, the desire for self improvement and to keep up the march of events of their adopted country, remained of paramount importance to them. Just about this time there was published the "Life of George Washington" by Jared Sparks. This was expensive and almost prohibitive for individual purchase; but to make it available to a number of readers, Dr. Anton Schott, one of this group of German scholars, conceived the plan of forming a circulating library. At a picnic held in Shiloh, on June 26, 1836, Dr. Schott invited a number of friends to a meeting on his farm on July 17. Fifteen men responded to his invitation and on this day, July 17, 1836, occurred the first meeting at which the German Library Association was organized. The names of the sixteen men were Edward Hilgard, Fritz A. Wolf, Fritz Hilgard, Theodore Engelmann, Sr., Theodore Hilgard, Jr., Julius Scheve, Gustavus Koerner, Dr. Anton Schott, Adolph Reuss, Otto Hilgard, Dr. Ad. Berchermann, J. C. Hildenbrandt, George Bunsen, W. Decker, T. Ledergarber. The rules and regulations were drafted by Messrs. Schott, Koerner and Bunsen and adopted at a subsequent meeting in the home of Mr. Decker on August 14th. The first librarian was Dr. Schott in whose home the library was housed, and where it remained until the year 1853, when it was moved to the city of Belleville. The Association obtained a charter from the state legislature in the year 1839.

The number of books increased rapidly, in the first year it grew from 93 volumes to 346, and 1853, seventeen years after the founding, the number had grown to 1906. In that year the library was removed from Dr. Schott's home to the city of Belleville, where it was placed in the Odd Fellow's Hall, but shortly afterwards was removed to the store of Goedecking & Kircher, which was more accessible and where Mr. Jos. Kircher acted as librarian.

In 1855 the Belleville Saengerbund was organized and in 1859, it asked to be admitted as a body into the Library Society offering to pay the initiation fees of its fifty active members by the donation of its collection of books. According to the constitution and by-laws of the Library Society, each new member paid an initiatory fee of \$3.00 or gave books to the value of that sum. In the year 1861 the two societies were consolidated and incorporated under the name of the Belleville Saengerbund and Library Association, and had its home in the Eimer building on the northeast corner of Main and Spring streets, after which it was moved into the building of Deidesheimer & Ellis.

The new Association flourished until January 28, 1883, when at its annual meeting it resolved to transfer its library to the city of Belleville with the proviso that it must forever remain a free, public library and that the city should assume its debt of \$1000. On February 5, 1883, the City Council passed an ordinance establishing a Public Library and Reading Room, and the Mayor (Benjamin J. West) appointed the following Board of Directors: Gustavus Koerner, Dr. George Loelkes, Curt Heinfeldten, Alonzo S. Wilderman, Dr. Washington West, George F. Kenower, Theodore J. Krafft, Charles P. Knispel, and Hugh W. Harrison. On July 7th the same year, a petition was presented to the City Council asking for the use of the Union Engine House on South Jackson street for a library room. After some months the city agreed, and on March 10, 1884 the library was opened for the use of the public. Mr. F. J. Staufenbiel was appointed librarian on February 2, 1884 and continued in that capacity until his death on December 9, 1903, a period of twenty years of devoted effort. At this time the collection numbered 8875 volumes. This marked a period of release, when the resources of the library with all barriers removed, was thrown open for the free and unrestricted use of all of the people in the city of Belleville.

The Library continued in this home until March 5, 1892, when the Board resolved to erect a City Hall and Library Building, and with the approval and co-operation of the City Council, a new building was erected at a cost of \$55,700, and opened on October 9, 1893. The first floor was used as the City Hall and the second floor as the Library and Reading Room. Here it prospered with a marked increase in co-operation with the work of the Public Schools, as its most pronounced feature in the growth and development. A steady advance was made; old obsolete methods of administration were discarded and new ones adopted to facilitate progress with increasing circulation, until the year 1913 the library was again seized with growing pains. It had become cramped in its quarters, and it was necessary again to think of providing more adequate space. About this time Mr. Curt Heinfeldten, Jr., who had been president of the Library Board for several years, was successful, after repeated and patient effort, to secure from the Carnegie Corpora-

tion a gift of \$45,000, for the erection and equipment of a new building. After months of careful planning, and a great deal of time devoted to its erection on the part of the Trustees, the building was finally ready for dedication on January 20, 1916.

This was no doubt the most important milestone in the history of the library. Since then has been noted the period of greatest activity, the public since this time has made greater use of its library than ever before. That the library has been a success, and none would question the fact that it has been a good investment for the taxpayer, is due to a composite effort; not only that of the persons directly responsible for its administration, but the splendid response of the community itself by its spirit of appreciation and support of what a power for good, books and book service can be in the community. With such a useful past of forty years, the next decade with the newer ideas of library service crowding in, holds much of promise; and by the time the golden jubilee is celebrated there will be much valuable history to be added to this sketch.

The following table of statistics will perhaps show in a more concrete way the progress that has been made.

Year	Books and Pamphlets in Library	Circulation	Borrowers' Cards issued	City Appropriation	Fines Collected	Expenditures
1884	9,702	8,411	345.....	\$ 2,000.....	\$ 69.05.....	\$ 1146.75
1894	20,138	25,525	323.....	2,500.....	77.06.....	2546.43
1904	37,338	23,619	283.....	2,500.....	83.45.....	2700.27
1914	69,459	39,766	424.....	4,500.....	135.13.....	3509.61
1924	93,995	94,172	1043.....	10,000.....	650.19.....	10665.19

1884 - 1926

**Forty-Third
Annual Report**

of the

**Belleville
Public Library**

Belleville, Illinois



**For the Year Beginning May 1, 1925
and Ending April 30, 1926**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fred E. Evans	-	-	-	1926
E. P. Leuschner	-	-	-	1926
A. J. Stoeckel	-	-	-	1926
R. F. Imbs	-	-	-	1927
J. J. Gummersheimer	-	-	-	1927
Stanley Sprague	-	-	-	1927
W. A. Hough	-	-	-	1928
Max Eckhardt	-	-	-	1928
E. E. Wangelin	-	-	-	1928



OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	-	-	-	Max Eckhardt



LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	-	Bella Steuernagel
First Assistant	-	Maude Underwood
Second Assistant	-	Mary L. Halbert
Children's Librarian	-	Ruth Arras
Station Assistant	-	—Mrs. Meta Freudenberg
Janitor	-	Edward Seiler

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1925	\$ 2,352.14
City appropriation.....	10,066.58
Fees from non-residents...	21.50
Fines, damages, lost books	564.57
Cards .....	.30
Reserves and rental collection	80.29
Sale of old paper, and other sources	119.18
Total receipts.....	<u>\$13,203.56</u>

EXPENDITURES

Heat	\$ 165.10
Light	209.90
Repairs and improvements.	1,633.31
Furniture and fixtures....	
Salaries	4,859.36
Janitor service.....	1,634.77
Books	2,495.25
Periodicals	284.36
Binding	747.10
Printing	130.50
Stationery and catalog supplies	46.75
Postage, freight, express..	50.16
Miscellaneous	329.67
Insurance	465.70
Total expenditures...	<u>\$13,051.93</u>

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1926	\$ 153.63
--	-----------

GENERAL STATISTICS

66

Contents of Library

Number of volumes in Library May 1, 1925	37,713
Number of volumes added by purchase	863
Number of volumes added by gift.....	59
Number of volumes added by binding.	28
Number of volumes added by public documents	114
Number of volumes withdrawn.....	354
Number of volumes in library May 1, 1926	38,423

Registration

Borrowers registered May, 1, 1925.....	7,682
New borrowers registered— (Adult, 544) (Juvenile, 425).....	969
Borrowers' cards cancelled.....	119
Borrowers' cards renewed.....	392
Borrowers' cards in force May 1, 1926..	8,532

Miscellaneous

Periodicals received currently.....	105
Newspapers received currently.....	13
Cost of circulation per book.....	12 1/2 c
Cost of circulation, per capita.....	49 c
Circulation per capita.....	3.9
Reference topics looked up.....	289
32% of Belleville's population have library cards.	

Use of the Library

Total circulation.....104,044
Gain over previous year..... 7,240
Circulation of adult books.... 64,266
Circulation of juvenile books. 39,778
Circulation of adult fiction... 49,690
or 68.2% of total
Circulation of books at West
Side Station..... 11,480



Information Service

A few typical questions of the many answered during the year:

Population and area of U. S. in 1783.
Is soapstone found around St. Louis.
Method of draining a farm.
How to exterminate the silver fish.
Woman's ability in holding office.
Patent for a label printing machine.
Personnel of the U. S. Senate in 1840.
Queen Elizabeth as a patron of art.
Difference between a man-of-war and
a battleship.
Chinese music.



Please telephone your Library when
you want information. 976-W.

LIBRARY EXTENSION

Aside from the service rendered at the Main Library:

A station is maintained on the West Side in W. Freudenberg's drug store, opened January, 1925; and where during the last year each book had an approximate turnover of 19 circulations.

A collection is kept in St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the use of convalescent patients.

A collection is deposited in the Notre Dame Academy during the school year.

Seven classroom libraries were placed in the public schools.

A new service has been offered the public. Reading courses on many varied subjects which have been arranged by the American Library Ass'n., are ready and the Public Library is prepared to lend the courses and the necessary books.

The collection of supplementary books for the intermediate grades of the public schools was taken care of and 4,561 volumes circulated.



Record of Circulation for the Last Ten Years

1915.....	40,642	1920.....	82,016
1916.....	50,004	1921.....	84,453
1917.....	53,618	1922.....	77,804
1918.....	61,295	1923.....	94,172
1919.....	68,137	1924.....	96,804
1925.....		104,044	

1884 - 1927



**Forty-fourth
Annual Report**

of the

**Belleville
Public Library**

Belleville, Illinois



**For the Year Beginning May 1, 1926
and Ending April 30, 1927**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. F. Imbs	-	-	-	-	1927
J. J. Gummersheimer	-	-	-	-	1927
Stanley Sprague	-	-	-	-	1927
W. A. Hough	-	-	-	-	1928
Max Eckhardt	-	-	-	-	1928
E. E. Wangelin	-	-	-	-	1928
Fred E. Evans	-	-	-	-	1929
E. P. Leuschner	-	-	-	-	1929
A. J. Stoeckel	-	-	-	-	1929



OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	W. A. Hough
Vice-President	-	-	-	Max Eckhardt



LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	-	-	-	Bella Steuernagel
First Assistant	-	-	-	Maude Underwood
Second Assistant	-	-	-	Mary L. Halbert
Children's Librarian	-	-	-	Ruth Arras
Station Assistant	-	-	-	—Mrs. Meta Freudenberg
Janitor	-	-	-	Edward Seiler

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1926	\$ 153.63
City appropriation	12,000.00
Fees from non-residents...	27.50
Fines, damages, lost books.	513.59
Cards .....	.65
Reserves and rental collection	67.89
Sale of old paper and other sources	104.25
Total receipts	\$12,867.51

EXPENDITURES

Heat	\$ 244.36
Light	208.80
Repairs and improvements.	271.51
Furniture and fixtures....	21.54
Salaries	4,950.82
Janitor service	1,542.44
Books	3,783.47
Periodicals	288.99
Binding	393.28
Printing	127.50
Stationery and catalog supplies	36.00
Postage, freight, express..	54.32
Miscellaneous	346.01

Total expenditures.. \$12,269.04

Balance in treasury, May 1, 1927	\$ 598.47
--	-----------

"There is no past, so long as books shall live!"
—Bulwer-Lytton.

GENERAL STATISTICS



Contents of Library

Number of volumes in Library May 1, 1926	38,423
Number of volumes added by purchase..	1,240
Number of volumes added by gift.....	38
Number of volumes added by binding....	26
Number of volumes added by public documents	56
Number of volumes withdrawn.....	288
Number of volumes in Library May 1, 1927	39,495

Registration

Borrowers registered May 1, 1926.....	8,532
New borrowers registered:	
(Adult, 543) (Juvenile, 534).....	1,077
Borrowers' cards cancelled	478
Borrowers' cards renewed	744
Number of borrowers' cards in force May 1, 1927	9,131

Miscellaneous Items

Maintenance expenditure per volume of circulation	10½c
Maintenance expenditure per capita.....	49c
Circulation per capita	4.9c
Reference questions looked up	252
Classroom libraries, 18 collections in 10 school buildings.	
Periodicals and newspapers currently received	118

USE OF THE LIBRARY

Total circulation	115,877
Gain over previous year	11,833
Circulation of adult books...	68,315
Circulation of juvenile books.	47,562
Circulation of adult fiction...	52,378
or 67.8% of total	
Circulation of books at West Side Station	11,082

Circulation As To Languages

English	German	Other	Total
113,572	2,304	1	115,877

Circulation For Last Five Years

1922	77,804
1923	94,172
1924	96,804
1925	104,044
1926	115,877

INFORMATION SERVICE

Showing a few types of the questions answered during the year:

Commercial Aeronautics.
Farm relief measures.
History of clothing.
Mediaeval trade guilds.
Map making of papier mache.
Newspapers and crime.
Modern Scandinavian music.
Influence of the South on American Literature.

Junior College.
Allen population in the U. S. during the Civil War.

Taos Art Colony.
Were saw mills during the Renaissance run by hand or water power?

Telephone Your Public Library When You
Want Information—796-W.



DO YOU KNOW?

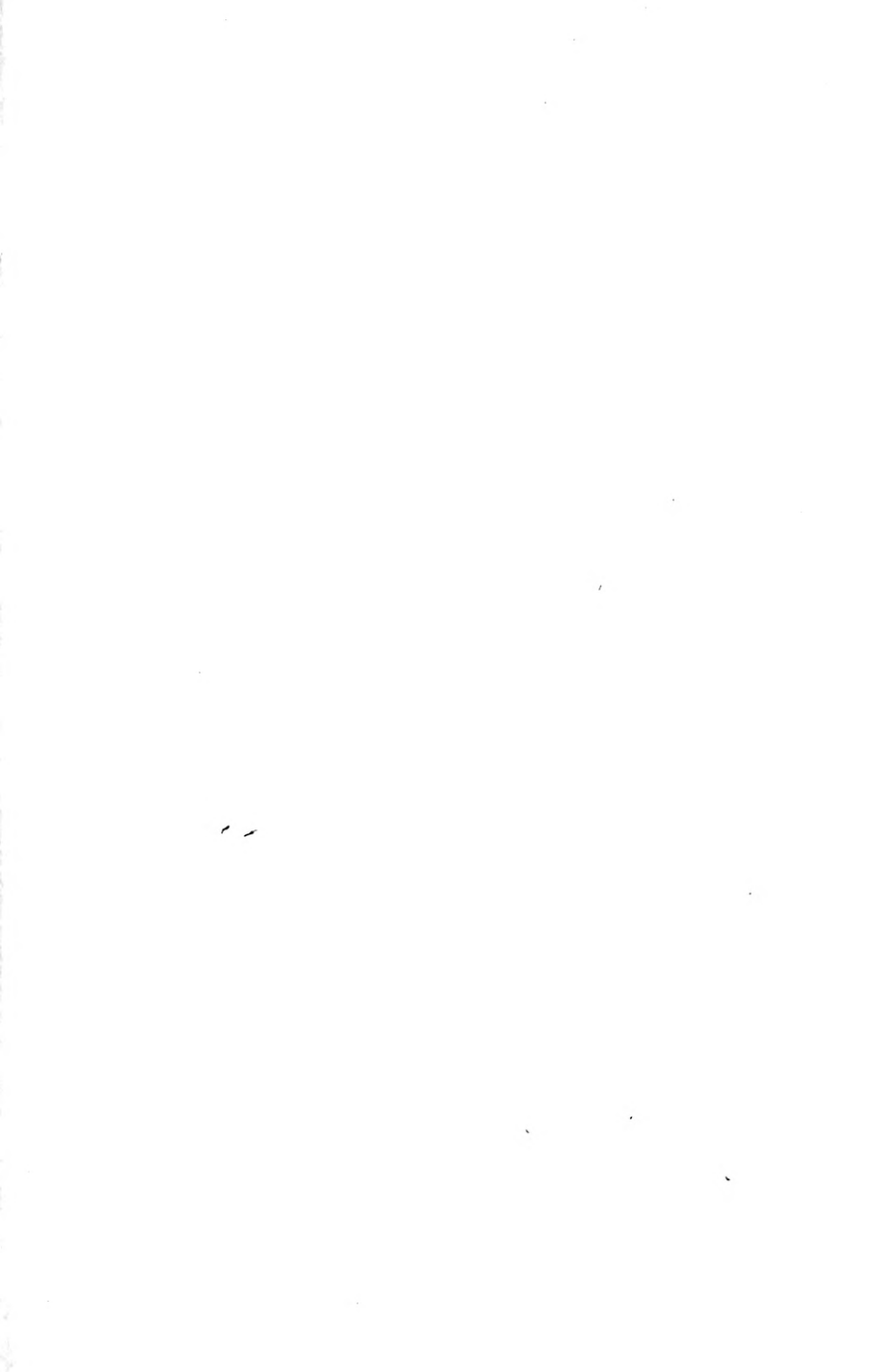
THAT:

- 6% of the entire urban population of the U. S. are without public library service?
- 83% of the entire rural population of the U. S. are without public library service?
- 1135 counties out of 3065 in the U. S. have no public libraries within their boundaries?
- the U. S. expended in one year for:

Public Libraries	\$ 37,094,303
Chewing gum	40,870,914
Soft drinks	400,000,000
Radio	450,000,000
Movies	800,000,000

"After the church and the school, the free public library is the most effective influence for good in America."—Theodore Roosevelt.

"The best reading for the greatest number at the least cost."—Motto of the American Library Ass'n.





UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA



3 0112 033807741